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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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PIONEER VALLEY

The Pioneer Valley Region is located in the midwestern section of Massachusetts. It is home to 602,878 residents and the fourth largest metropolitan area in New England. The Region covers approximately 1200 square miles, roughly equal to the size of the State of Rhode Island. There are 6 cities with a mayoral form of government and 37 towns, governed by Town Meeting.

The area is unique within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Pioneer Valley Region offers a diverse economic base, internationally known educational institutions, and unparalleled scenic beauty. The Connecticut River, its fertile agricultural valley, and the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains are but some of the region's premier natural resources. Choices in lifestyles range from contemporary downtown living to stately historic homes, characteristic suburban neighborhoods, and rural living in very small communities.

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Profiles covering all forty-three communities in the Pioneer Valley and a range of other topics available. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Regional Information Center provides a wide range of demographic, economic, and geographic data and services including mapping, research, and analysis to its constituent communities and to the public. Contact the Information Center for additional information.

Price: \$2.00

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Springfield, the third largest city in Massachusetts is the Region's cultural and economic center. The Cities of Holyoke and Chicopee were the first planned industrial communities in the nation. The region has the headquarters or major plants of international companies including Milton Bradley Company, Monsanto Chemical Company, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Stanhome, Inc., a Fortune 500 firm. Often referred to as the "Crossroads of New England," the Pioneer Valley Region is located at the interchange of the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 91. Air travel is provided primarily by Bradley International Airport in Connecticut, a 30 minute, non-congested drive from Springfield.

Significant tourist attractions include the Basketball Hall of Fame, the Volleyball Hall of Fame, Mt. Tom Ski Area, the Eastern States Exposition, the largest agricultural fair in New England, and the picturesque college communities of Northampton and Amherst.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Provided through Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Provided through Bonanza Bus Lines, Greyhound, Peter Pan Bus Lines and Vermont Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Provided through Community Council on Aging and Private Agencies

REGIONAL OFFICES

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LAND AREA

Acres	754,378
Square Miles	1,178.73

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	532,582
1970	583,031
1980	581,831
1990	602,878

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	87.1%
Black	6.1%
Other	6.8%
Spanish Origin*	8.2%

*Note: Spanish Origin may be of any race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.0	6.9
5 - 9	6.6	6.8
10 - 14	7.8	6.2
15 - 19	10.4	8.1
20 - 24	10.7	9.4
25 - 44	25.6	31.0
45 - 54	9.9	9.3
55 - 64	10.8	8.3
65 - 74	7.2	8.1
75 & Over	5.1	5.9

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles 1,178.73
Total Road Miles (1987) 3,247.89

Land Use	Acres
Residential	83,658.9
Commercial	6,022.6
Industrial	8,467.7
Urban Open/Public	11,200.9
Outdoor Recreational	8,046.4
Tilled Land	55,527.1
Undeveloped Land	552,483.2
Water	21,533.1

IN REGION TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS: Barnes Municipal, Westfield; Lafleur, Northampton; Palmer Airport, Palmer; Westover Metropolitan and Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee

RAIL SERVICE: Amtrak Stations: Springfield, Northampton and Amherst; Short Line Freight: Massachusetts Central Railroad Corp., Palmer; New England Intermodal Terminal, Palmer; Pioneer Valley Railroad, Westfield.

PRIMARY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS: Massachusetts Turnpike, I 90 (east-west); and Interstate 91 (north-south).

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN PIONEER VALLEY 1995*

	Number	Percent of Region Total
Government	40,243	17%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	1,697	1%
Mining	72	0.0%
Construction	6,871	3%
Manufacturing	39,486	17%
Trans, Comm., Utilities	9,403	4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	56,119	24%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12,961	5%
Services	69,201	29%
Total Employment *	236,955	100%

Average Annual Wage

\$ 21,835

* Total is not a sum of parts due to suppression of individual employer data in some communities.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

79.37%	work in region
20.63%	work outside region

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	24.0%
4 years High School	32.0%
Less than 4 years College	23.0%
4 or more years College	21.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

Colleges: American International College, Amherst College, Bay Path College, Elms College, Hampshire College, Holyoke Community College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, University of Massachusetts, Western New England College, Westfield State College.

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Average Selling Price
1991	\$115,000
1992	\$111,000
1993	\$111,450
1994	\$108,250
1995	\$107,750

RESIDENTS IN THE WORK FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1983	220,917	7.3%
1984	229,322	5.3%
1985	210,569	4.5%
1986	209,693	4.3%
1987	213,157	3.4%
1988	213,835	3.4%
1989	217,909	4.2%
1990	218,524	5.8%
1991	216,337	9.5%
1992	216,205	9.2%
1993	296,952	7.5%
1994	294,035	6.8%
1995	288,969	5.3%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	15.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.0%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.3%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.8%
\$50,000 - 74,999	16.6%
\$75,000 or more	8.8%

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 12.5%

FACILITIES PROFILE

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BARNES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Barnes Municipal Airport is operated by the City of Westfield with a portion of the facility leased as home base for the Massachusetts Air National Guard 104th Tactical Fighter Group. The airport is classified as a general transport airport providing general aviation service. It can serve all aircraft including commercial jets and large, heavy and wide body aircraft. It is capable of handling precision instrument approach operations.

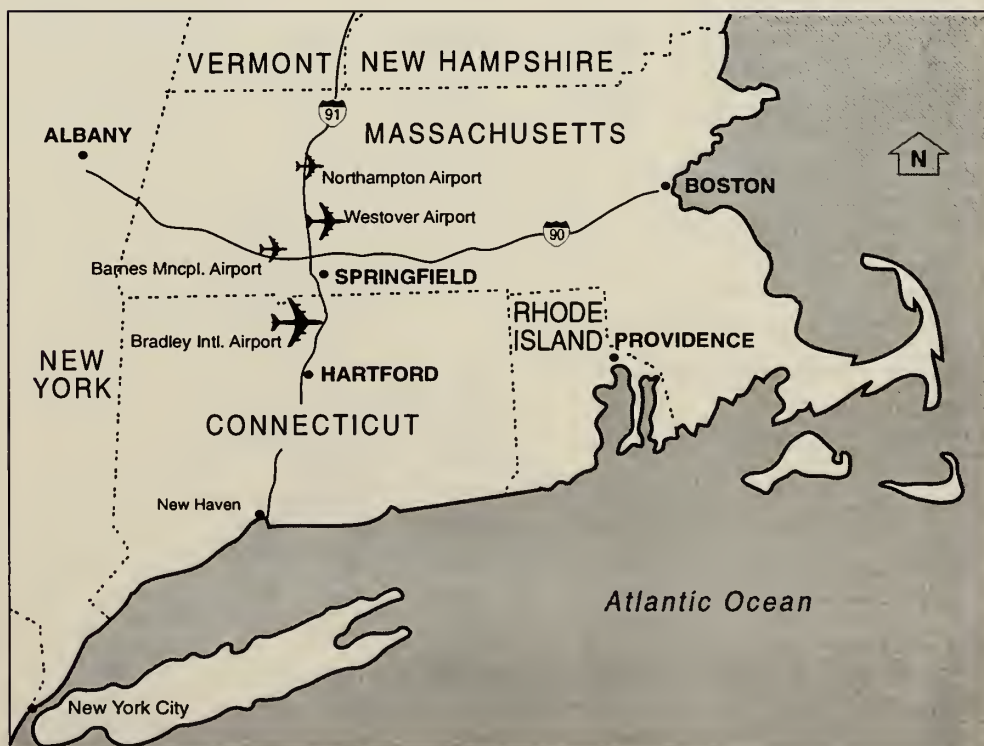
Barnes Municipal Airport currently offers charter passenger service and nightly small package cargo flights provided by Northeast Airlink. The feasibility of siting expanded cargo facilities at Barnes is being analyzed through an update to the airport's Master Plan.

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Barnes Municipal Airport

Westfield, Massachusetts
FAA Identification Code: BAF

Type of Airport

Public - General Aviation

Principal Highway Access

- Route 10 and 202 (North-South)
- Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90),
(East-West)

Hours of Operation

24 Hours

CONTROL TOWER HOURS
7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Daily

HOURS AIRPORT ATTENDED
7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Daily

Aircraft Operations (Total Takeoffs & Landings)

1993	67,096
1994	59,266
1995	62,997
1996	63,661

Passenger Services

- Charter Passenger Service
- No Scheduled Passenger Service

Public Transit

PVTA Bus Route #208

Management Office

George Gifford, Manager
Tel: (413) 572-6275
Fax: (413) 572-6296

Operator

City of Westfield –
Westfield Airport Commission

Contact

Airport Manager –
Barnes Municipal Airport

Home-Based Aircraft

Civilian	148
Military	28
Total	176

Cargo Service

Limited overnight letter and
small package

Fees

Landing fees
(Applicable to corporate and
all aircraft over 5,000 lbs.)

Aircraft Fuels Available

Octane: 80, 100 Low Lead
Jet A

Rail Service

Within 1/2 mile of airport

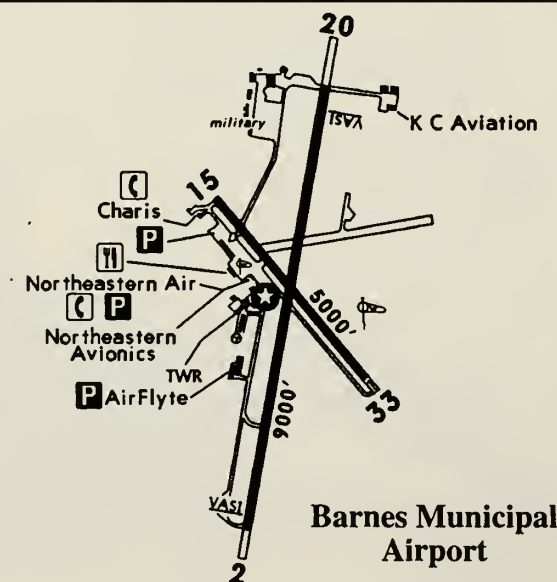
Runways

Number of Runways: 2

Runway	Length	Width	Surface	Lights	Instrument Landing System (ILS)
Rwy 02/20	9,000 ft.	150 ft.	Paved	Yes	Yes-Rwy 20
Rwy 15/33	5,000 ft.	100 ft.	Paved	Yes	No

RUNWAY SCHEMATIC

- P** = Aircraft Parking
- II** = Restaurant
- T** = Telephone (avail. 24 hrs.)
- = Paved runway
- = Taxiway
- = Structures
- ★** = Beacon
- ☼** = Windsock
- TWR** = Tower
- VASI** = Visual Approach
Slope Indicator
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Path Indicator



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BRADLEY INTL. AIRPORT

Bradley International Airport, located in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, is a state-owned facility and designated as a medium hub airport by the Civil Aeronautics Board. Nine major carriers and nine regional commuters provide commercial air service at Bradley. Recent construction of a new terminal and parking facilities, and renovation of the existing terminal and main runway, offer first-rate passenger service and uncrowded conditions. Plans are underway to secure gateway status with direct international scheduled flights.

Bradley International Airport is located 15 miles south of the City of Springfield and is the principal commercial airport for people traveling to and from the Pioneer Valley Region. Approximately 30% of air travelers using Bradley are from the Springfield Metropolitan Area and 4 out of 5 of the region's commercial air travelers use the airport.

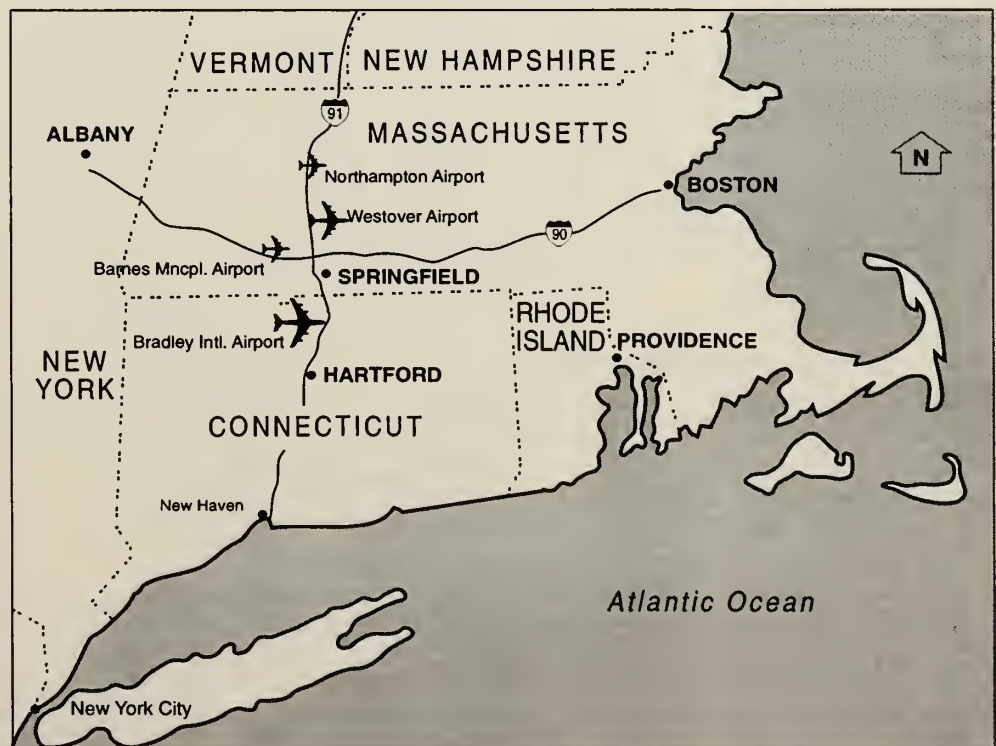
Bradley also offers air freight services. World wide cargo transportation is available through air cargo companies operating at the airport as well as through the airlines that provide passenger service.

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Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, Connecticut
FAA Identification Code: BDL

Type of Airport

Public Transport Airport

Principal Highway Access

- Route I-91 (North-South)
- Route 20 (CT) Expressway Connector (East-West)

Hours of Operation

24 Hours

CONTROL TOWER HOURS
& HOURS AIRPORT ATTENDED
24 Hours Daily

Management Office

DOT, Bureau of Aviation & Ports
Airport Administrator's Office
Tel: (860) 292-2001
Fax: (860) 627-3594

OPERATORS:
Connecticut Department of Transportation

Aircraft Operations (Total Takeoffs & Landings)

1996 Annual Aircraft Operations

Air Carrier Passenger	5,377,759
Air Carrier Cargo	130,536
Commuter	37,230
General Aviation	37,353
Military	7,233

Passenger Service

- Charter Passenger Service
- Schedule Passenger Service

Weekday Airline Operations Count

Air Alliance	6
Air Ontario	8
American	22
American Eagle (Flagship)	6
Business Express	10
Carnival	4
Continental	10
Continental Express	18
Delta	32
Downeast Express	2
Midway	6
Northwest	16
TWA	10
Trans World Express	6
United	16
United Express/Atlantic Coast	6
USAir	46
USAir Express/Allegheny	42

Runways

Number of Runways: 3

Runway	Length	Width	Surface	Lights	Instrument Landing System (ILS)
Rwy 06/24	9,500 ft.	200 ft.	Paved	Yes	Yes-Rwy 06/24
Rwy 15/33	6,846 ft.	150 ft.	Paved	Yes	Yes-Rwy 33
Rwy 01/19	5,145 ft.	100 ft.	Paved	Yes	No

Cargo Services

Freight Transported (U.S. Tons)	
1996	130,538
1995	115,040
Percent Change	13.5

Remarks/Restrictions

Primary Commercial Airport serving adjacent Greater Hartford (CT); Springfield, Chicopee & Holyoke (MA) metropolitan areas. Perimeter of field leased to Connecticut National Guard.

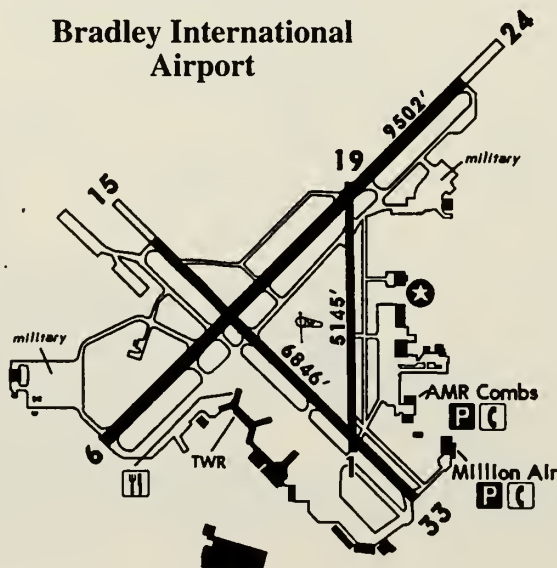
Aircraft Fuels Available

Octane: 100 Low Lead
Jet A

RUNWAY SCHEMATIC

- P** = Aircraft Parking
- Y** = Restaurant
- C** = Telephone (avail. 24 hrs.)
- = Paved runway
- - -** = Taxiway
- = Structures
- ★** = Beacon
- ☼** = Windsock
- TWR** = Tower
- VASI** = Visual Approach Slope Indicator
- PAPI** = Precision Approach Path Indicator

Bradley International Airport



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NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT

Located in the City of Northampton, along Interstate 91, Northampton Airport provides general aviation services for business and leisure. It is privately owned and operated, offering fully licensed commercial service to the public. Nightly cargo service is available on a limited schedule.

Northampton Airport is the premier facility in the Pioneer Valley Region for recreational parachute flights. Hang Gliders and hot air balloonists enjoy majestic scenery along the adjacent Connecticut River Valley and Mount Holyoke Range.

Seaplanes operate on the Connecticut River which flows parallel to the runway.

The Airport offers maintenance for both minor and major repairs to aircraft less than 7,500 pounds.

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Northampton Airport

Northampton, Massachusetts
FAA Identification Code: 7B2

Type of Airport

Fully licensed Commercial, open to public
Privately owned A-Basic
Utility II

Principal Highway Access

- Interstate 91 (North-South)
- Route 9 (East-West),

Hours of Operation

24 Hours

HOURS AIRPORT ATTENDED:
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily
6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Summer months

Unicom 122.7 during attended hours

Aircraft Operations (Total Takeoffs & Landings)

Approximately 35,000 annually

Passenger Service

- Charter Passenger Service
- No Schedule Passenger Service
- Summer only: Scheduled service to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands

Public Transit

PVTA Bus Route #703

Management Office

Richard Justo, Manager
Tel: (413) 584-7980
Fax: (413) 585-0910

Operator

- New England Air Connection, Inc.
- Northampton Airport Services

Contact

- New England Air Connection, Inc.
(413) 584-1860
- Northampton Airport Services
(413) 584-7980

Remarks/Restrictions

- Airport closed to aircraft certified for 7,500 lbs. and over (gross weight)
- Extensive parachute jumping and hanggliders in immediate vicinity of airport
- Seaplane operations on Connecticut River parallel to airport runway
- Hot air ballooning, morning and evening

Cargo Service

Limited nightly scheduled service

Fees

Aircraft parking fee
No landing fee

Aircraft Fuels Available

Octane: 80, 100 Low Lead

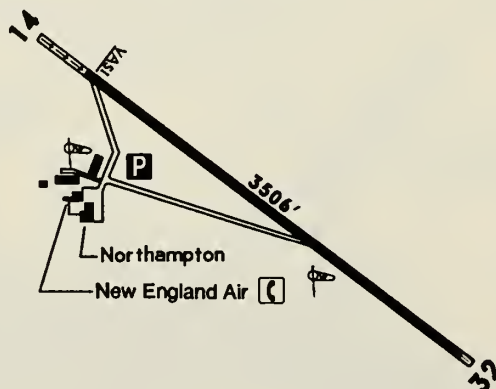
Runways

Number of Runways: 1

Runway	Length	Width	Surface	Lights	Instrument Landing System (ILS)
Rwy 14/32	3,500 ft.	50 ft.	Paved	Yes	Yes

RUNWAY SCHEMATIC

- P** = Aircraft Parking
- II** = Restaurant
- T** = Telephone (avail. 24 hrs.)
- = Paved runway
- = Taxiway
- = Structures
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Northampton Airport

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WESTOVER AIRPORT

Westover is the largest airport facility in the Pioneer Valley Region, providing comprehensive aviation services for military, commercial, corporate, charter and commuter flights. Located in the City of Chicopee and Town of Ludlow, Westover has two runways, one of which is the largest runway east of the Mississippi River. In 1974, Westover Air Force Base was deactivated, allowing for joint military and civilian use of the 4,800 acres of land.

Today, Westover Air Reserve Base is home to the 439th Military Airlift Wing and served as the primary staging area for troops and cargo bound for the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During that 9-month period, Westover handled more than 1,800 C-5As, 32,000 troops and 80,000 tons of cargo. The base assumed strategic airlift training missions in 1987.

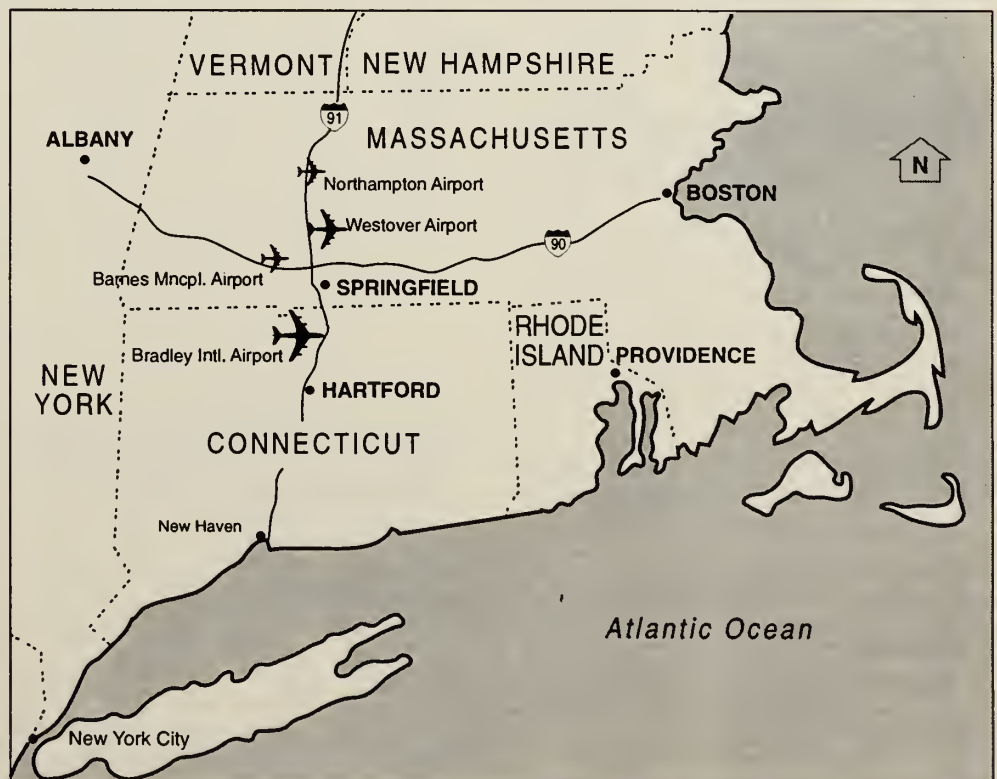
Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation manages the civilian uses at the base, including the successful Westover Industrial AirParks and the Westover Metropolitan Airport. The Airport operates in joint use with the Air Reservists. Ground and air traffic control is provided by the Air Force.

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Westover Air Reserve Base / Westover Metropolitan Airport

Chicopee, Massachusetts
FAA Identification Code: CEF

Type of Airport

Joint use Military/Civilian Facility
Commercial Service Part 139 -
Air Carrier Certified

Principal Highway Access

- Route 33 (Memorial Dr.) North-South
- Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90),
East-West (Exit #5)

Hours of Operation

7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Daily

CONTROL TOWER HOURS &
HOURS AIRPORT ATTENDED
7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Daily

Aircraft Operations (Total Takeoffs & Landings)

	Civilian	Military
1993	9,780	7,474
1994	11,436	7,166
1995	11,128	6,735
1996	9,380	6,284

Passenger Services

- Charter Passenger Service
- No Scheduled Passenger Service

Public Transit

Not available

Management Office

Michael Bolton, Manager
Tel: (413) 593-5543
Fax: (413) 593-5546

Operators

- MILITARY: United States Air Reserve
- CIVILIAN: Westover Metropolitan
Development Corporation (WMDC)

Contacts

- MILITARY - Westover Base Operations
(413) 557-2917
- CIVILIAN - WMDC Airport Manager
(413) 593-5543

Remarks/Restrictions

- Airport is closed when control tower
is closed
- Joint use Military/Civilian Airport
- All Civilian aircraft directed to
Metropolitan Passenger Terminal
operated by WMDC
- Westover Industrial Airparks located on
site and managed by WMDC

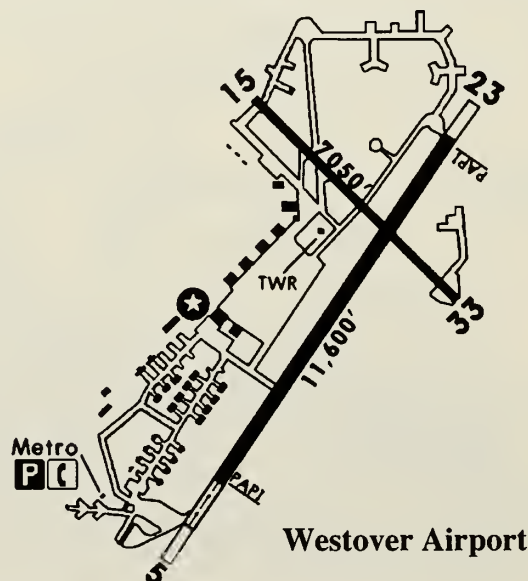
Runways

Number of Runways: 2

Runway	Length	Width	Surface	Lights	Instrument Landing System (ILS)
Rwy 05/23	11,600 ft.	300 ft.	Paved	Yes	Yes-Rwy 05/23
Rwy 15/23	7,050 ft.	150 ft.	Paved	Yes	No

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Fees

Landing fees

Aircraft Fuels Available

Octane: 100 Low Lead
Jet A

Rail Service

Boston & Maine R.R.

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Pioneer Valley Region has an unusual concentration of higher education institutions. The emphasis on learning encompasses a range of institutions including excellent technical training along with many of the nation's top liberal arts colleges. This regional emphasis on education contributes to a strong, well trained work force and a valley rich in cultural experiences.

	Public/ Private	Graduate Programs	Enrollment Undrgr/Grad	Total Faculty ¹	Transit Service
American International College	Private	Yes	1200(u) 800(g)	75	Yes
Amherst College	Private	No	1541	158	Yes
Bay Path College	Private	No	600	58	Yes
College of Our Lady of the Elms	Private	Yes	558(u) 631(g) ²	47	Yes
Hampshire College	Private	No	1250	150	Yes
Holyoke Community College	Public	No	3433	126	Yes
Mount Holyoke College	Private	Yes	1980(u) 12(g)	225	Yes
Smith College	Private	Yes	2500(u) 150(g) ³	270	Yes
Springfield College	Private	Yes	2435(u)	198	Yes
Springfield Technical College	Public	No	3400 ⁴	300	Yes
University of Massachusetts	Public	Yes	18,036(u) 5955(g)	1257	Yes
Western New England College	Private	Yes	1700(u) 1000(g)	132	Yes
Westfield State College	Public	Yes	4137(u) 741(g) ²	157	Yes

¹ Full-time Equivalence (FTE)

² Total continuing education, graduate, part-time undergraduate

³ Includes Graduate School for Social Work

⁴ Day and Evening

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American International College

1000 State Street, Springfield, MA 01109
(413) 737-7000

American International College (AIC) is a private college founded in 1885 to educate the growing number of immigrants flowing into the United States. Today, AIC has an undergraduate enrollment of 1,200 and a graduate student body of 800. Some Baccalaureate degrees offered include business administration, education and nursing. Masters degrees offered include among others, human resource development and public administration.

Bay Path College

588 Longmeadow St.,

Longmeadow, MA 01106 (413) 567-0621
Located along historic Route 5 in Longmeadow, Bay Path College offers associate and baccalaureate degree programs for women in a wide range of studies including liberal arts, business, education, occupational therapy and human services. Bay Path also offers continuing education programs, evening adult education classes for men and women, and custom-designed corporate workshops and courses.

College of Our Lady of the Elms

291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 594-2761

Established prior to the turn of the century, The Elms is the only comprehensive women's Catholic college in western Massachusetts. In addition to 28 undergraduate majors, graduate degrees are offered in theology, education and social work. Continuing Education programs enroll men.

Holyoke Community College

303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 538-7000

This two-year public community college opened its doors in 1946 to serve and educate the greater Holyoke area. The college offers two specialized programs: English as a Second Language and Women in Transition.

Springfield College

263 Alden Street, Springfield, MA 01109
(413) 748-3000

Springfield College was founded in 1885 as "The School for the Christian Worker" and initially trained young people for professional careers in the YMCA. Today, Springfield College has an enrollment of 2,435 and, while students of all religious denominations attend, the emphasis of the college remains on educating people for service to others. Many of the faculty and coaches have gained world-wide respect as members of the NCAA Executive Committee and several Olympic Committees.

Springfield Technical Community College (STCC)

One Armory Sq., Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 781-7822

Celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1992, Springfield Technical Community College is the only technical community college in the Commonwealth. STCC offers a comprehensive technological curriculum: bio-medical instrumentation; civil engineering; mechanical engineering; telecommunications; electric systems; CAD/CAM; and computer integrated manufacturing. Programs also include a wide range of medical support & office administration. STCC has developed strong alliances with a number of prominent American firms including IBM, AT&T & Ford Motor Company.

Western New England College

1215 Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, MA 01119
(413) 782-3111

Originally established in 1919 as the Springfield Division of Northeastern University based in Boston, Western New England College became an independent private college in 1951. In the school's original charter all classes were offered in the evening to accommodate working people who wished to pursue a college education. Western New England College has responded to the direct requests of area industry and business by developing curriculum to meet their changing needs. The college is now known for its programs in engineering, business administration and law.

Westfield State College

Westfield, MA 01086-9986
(413) 568-3311

Founded in 1839 as the first coeducational teacher's college, Westfield State College still has a highly distinguished education program. Today, over 4,000 full time students are pursuing bachelor and advanced degrees. The college's undergraduate program in geography and regional planning is the only one of its kind among the state colleges.

Five-College Consortium

Located within 10 miles of one another, this cluster of educational institutions, known as the "Five Colleges," is situated in the northern tier of the Pioneer Valley across the communities of Amherst, Northampton and South Hadley. Although each college and the university has its own tradition and character, they all share resources and strengths. Any student from one of the Five College institutions may take courses at any of the colleges or the university. Travel between the schools is made easy by fare-free public transit service which operates day and night connecting the five campuses.

Amherst College

P.O. Box 5000, Amherst, MA 01002-5000
(413) 542-2000

Amherst College, ranked in 1996 as the number two college in America by U.S. News and World Report, is located just south of the flagship University of Massachusetts. Amherst is one of the top four colleges in the U.S. in the number of graduates who go on to complete doctoral degrees. On average, graduates experience a 90 percent acceptance rate for entrance into law, medical or business schools.

Hampshire College

893 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002
(413) 549-4600

In 1970, Hampshire College opened its doors for the first time. Planned by faculty from the existing three area colleges and the University, the Hampshire College motto *Non Satis Scire* (To Know is Not Enough), reflects the college's emphasis on using knowledge, not merely acquiring it. The 1,250 students currently enrolled each design their own course of study. Although by far the youngest of the Five College group, Hampshire has secured an outstanding academic reputation and an impressive list of alumni.

Mount Holyoke College

Mary Woolley Hall, South Hadley, MA 01075
(413) 538-2000

Founded in 1837, Mount Holyoke College is the oldest institution dedicated to higher learning for women in the United States. With an average enrollment of 2,000 students, 20 percent graduate with degrees in science or math, almost twice the rate of women at coeducational institutions elsewhere in the country.

Smith College

Northampton, MA 01063
(413) 584-2700

Smith College is a private liberal arts college for women. A highly selective institution with an undergraduate enrollment on campus of about 2,500, Smith has been educating women to achieve since 1875.

Students at Smith plan their own academic

programs, choosing from more than 1,000 courses in 50 areas of study; the student/faculty ratio is 10:1. The college's handsome 125-acre campus in the heart of New England boasts superb facilities, including 105 academic, administrative, residence and maintenance buildings. Its gates open onto a busy small city, known for its lively cultural life, many fine restaurants and attractive shops.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

390 Whitmore Administration Building
Amherst, MA 01003
(413) 545-4200

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has a total enrollment of about 22,000 students and a faculty of 1,364, making it the fourth largest public university in the Northeast United States and the fifth largest residential college in the country. A total of 88 major fields of undergraduate study, 72 graduate programs and 52 doctoral programs are offered by the University.

The University's Amherst campus is outranked only by Harvard and MIT for the number of doctorates granted in New England. A full 34 percent of its math doctorates awarded between 1981 and 1991 went to women, compared with a national average of 20 percent.

Business Week recently ranked the University's School of Business as one of the top sixteen in the Northeast making it tied with Dartmouth in its regional classification. Of national prominence is the Center for UMass-Industry Research on Polymers (CUMIRP) which now produces 25 percent of the country's polymer doctorates.

Similarly, the University's Department of Computer Science ranks fourth in the nation among both public and private colleges for attracting outside financial support for research.

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HIGHWAYS

The Pioneer Valley Region is strategically situated at the intersection of two major highways. Located at the intersection of Interstate 90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) traveling east-west and Interstate 91 traveling north-south, the region offers easy access to all markets in the eastern United States and Canada. More than one third of the total population of the nation can be reached by overnight delivery and major Eastern Seaboard population centers are accessible within hours.

Its efficient highway system provides the Pioneer Valley Region with competitive transportation capabilities. With the emergence of the European Economic Community and the Free Trade Agreement with neighboring Canada, the region is poised to take advantage of new ventures in international trade.

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Travel Distances

Destination	Distance from Springfield	Time*
Albany	85 miles	1.5 hours
Boston	91 miles	1.5 hours
Montreal	301 miles	5.5 hours
New York City	140 miles	3.0 hours
Philadelphia	260 miles	5.0 hours
Washington	400 miles	8.0 hours

* Times estimated using travel speed of 55 mph

Source: Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (1988)

Major Regional Highways

Major State Highways	Principal Orientation	In-Region Mileage
Route 5	North/South	30.35 Miles
Route 9	East/West	54.36 Miles
Route 10	North/South	12.03 Miles
Route 20	East/West	54.88 Miles
Route 33	North/South	5.44 Miles
Route 57	East/West	28.57 Miles
Route 116	North/South	31.73 Miles
Route 202	North/South	45.15 Miles

Regional Interstate Highways

Interstate Highways	Principal Orientation	No. of In-Region Interchanges	In-Region Mileage	Toll Road
I-90	East/West (Mass Turnpike)	6	46.08 mi.	Yes
I-91	North/South	22	31.17 mi.	No
I-291	Connector (Springfield to I-90)	6	5.44 mi.	No
I-391	Connector (I-91 to Chicopee/Holyoke)	6	3.82 mi	No

Estimated Urban Vehicle Miles of Travel

Year	Total	Interstate	Other Princ. Arterial	Urb. Minor Arterial	Urban Arterial	Urban Collector	Urban Local
1980	7,466	1,844	187	2,570	1,521	494	850
1990	9,480	2,429	295	2,774	1,979	688	1,315

Number of Registered Vehicles* per 1000 Persons

1980	1990	% Change
21,875	29,590	35.3%

* Passenger automobiles & light trucks only

Regional Auto Ownership

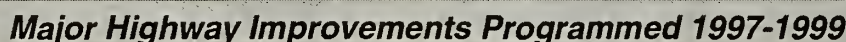
Year	No Car	One Car	Two Cars	Three or More Cars
1970	17%	51.0%	26.8%	5.2%
1980	14%	42.7%	32.0%	11.3%
1990	6.1%	30.2%	44.3%	19.4%

For Additional Information . . .

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Transportation Division
W. Springfield, MA (413) 781-6045

Massachusetts Highway Department
MHD District 2
Northampton, MA (413) 584-1611

Massachusetts Highway Department
MHD District 1
Lenox, MA (413) 637-1750



Summary of Regional Project Funding By Category

Bridge-Refurbishment & Reconstruction.
CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality)-Projects that create reduction in auto emissions.
NHS (National Highway Systems)-Funding for main roads, mostly numbered highways
STP (Surface Transportation Program)-Funding for all roads except local minor streets
STP/Enhancements-10% STP set aside for sidewalks, bikeways etc.
Mega Projects-Large projects that exceed 1/2 of total funding allocation for the region.
 Often include large percentage state funds

Functional Classification	Urban Miles	Rural Miles	Total Miles
Interstate	59.4	27.7	87.1
Principal Arterials	31.7	34.1	65.9
Minor Arterials	84.2	148.8	232.9
Other Princ. Artrl.	73.7	0	73.7
Major Collectors	336.1	262.0	628.1
Minor Collectors	232.7	177.2	409.8
Local Roads	1,125.0	1,660.6	2,785.6
Pioneer Valley			4,283.0

Community	Total	MHD [†]	City/ Town	Private
Agawam	130.5	12.1	86.3	32.1
Amherst	115.3	9.1	87.7	18.5
Belchertown	146.9	16.2	120.1	10.6
Blandford	76.9	9.8	62.7	4.4
Brimfield	76.7	12.2	62.8	1.7
Chester	65.6	6.5	59.1	0
Chesterfield	59.8	0	55.2	4.6
Chicopee	221.8	15.1	138.7	68.0
Cummington	60.2	10.1	48.2	1.9
E. Long.	97.5	0	90.8	6.7
Easthampton	86.5	3.0	76.2	7.4
Goshen	39.0	7.4	25.9	5.7
Granby	69.5	7.8	55.2	6.6
Granville	72.6	0	64.7	7.9
Hadley	76.6	8.1	63.7	4.8
Hampden	50.1	0	48.0	2.0
Hatfield	59.3	7.4	50.7	1.2
Holland	37.4	0.1	36.1	1.2
Holyoke	171.6	16.3	132.9	22.4
Huntington	49.2	11.7	37.5	0
Longmeadow	104.3	3.3	88.1	13.0
Ludlow	128.7	0	92.1	36.6
Middlefield	38.8	0	38.8	0
Monson	111.4	7	102.2	2.2
Montgomery	30.4	0	30.4	0
Northampton	174.8	14	138.8	22.0
Palmer	107.4	15.6	90.2	1.6
Pelham	30.1	5.7	21.9	2.5
Plainfield	48.7	0	47.8	0.9
Russell	31.1	9.5	21.6	0.0
South Hadley	98.6	9.5	77.1	12.0
Southampton	75.6	5.4	64.0	6.2
Southwick	76.4	6.9	61.3	8.3
Springfield	495.9	11.1	388.9	96.0
Tolland	40.3	0.2	40.2	0
Wales	28.9	5.1	23.8	0
Ware	100.2	11.1	84.6	4.5
W. Springfield	138.3	12.7	106.9	18.7
Westfield	214.1	9.4	163.5	41.2
Westhampton	49.1	0	44.5	4.6
Wilbraham	111.0	5.1	87.1	18.8
Williamsburg	50.9	5.8	41.9	3.3
Worthington	64.2	5.9	58.1	0.1
Pioneer Valley Rgn.	4112.0	296.1	3316.0	500.0

† MHD = Massachusetts Highway Department

FACILITIES PROFILE

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HOSPITALS

Massachusetts is proud to rank first in the nation in the ratio of physicians to population. Massachusetts offers 373 physicians per 100,000 people, compared to the national rate of 230 per 100,000. * High quality health care is readily available through the private practices, community-based clinics, health maintenance organizations and the ten hospitals within the Pioneer Valley Region serving a 1990 population of 602,878 people. While these facilities vary from community-based hospitals to a major teaching institution, all share a commitment to quality health care. Throughout the region, the caliber of medical staff, facilities and technology is state-of-the-art and comprehensive.

* Source - Statistical Abstract of the United States - 1996, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

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Baystate Health Systems, Inc.

Baystate Medical Center

(413) 784-0000
Springfield, MA 01199
(No street address - own zip code)
Beds: 800
Active medical staff: 750

Mary Lane Hospital

(413) 967-6211
85 South Street
Ware, Massachusetts 01082
Beds: 34
Active medical staff: 32

Franklin Medical Center

(413) 772-0211
164 High Street
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301
Beds: 115
Active medical staff: 84

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

(413) 582-2000
30 Locust Street, P.O. Box 5001
Northampton, Massachusetts 01061-5001
Beds: 152
Active medical staff: 156

Holyoke Hospital

(413) 534-2500
575 Beech Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040
Beds: 197
Active medical staff: 175

Noble Hospital

(413) 568-2811
115 West Silver Street
P.O. Box 1634
Westfield, MA 01086-1634
Beds: 97
Active medical staff: 75

The Shriners Hospital

(413) 787-2000
516 Carew Street
Springfield, MA 01104
Beds: 40
Active medical staff: 20

Sisters of Providence Hlth. Sys.

Mercy Hospital

(413) 748-9000
271 Carew Street, P.O. Box 9012
Springfield, Massachusetts
01102-9012
Beds: 313
Active medical staff: 570

Providence Hospital

(413) 536-5111
1233 Main Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040
Beds: 203
Active medical staff: 255

Wing Memorial Hospital

(413) 283-7651
40 Wright Street
Palmer, Massachusetts 01069
Beds: 46
Active Medical Staff: 102

For more information call the facilities directly or contact the
Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham, MA Telephone: 1-800-322-2303

Baystate Health Systems, Inc.

Baystate Medical Center, Mary Lane Hospital and Franklin Medical Center are all part of Baystate Health Systems Inc.

Baystate Medical Center

Baystate Medical Center serves as a regional referral medical center for tertiary level care and is the western campus of Tufts University School of Medicine, based in Boston. Offering the highest level of traumatic care available, Baystate is the region's Level 1 Trauma and Emergency Center. Heliport facilities are available to accommodate emergency air transport.

The recently renovated and expanded Wesson Women and Infants' Unit is located within Baystate Medical Center. Pregnancies in the high-risk category can take full advantage of state-of-the-art Perinatal and Neonatal Intensive Care Units. In addition, Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital provides levels of care equivalent to that found in nationally famous children's hospitals.

Mary Lane Hospital

In the fall of 1991, Mary Lane Hospital became affiliated with Baystate Health Systems. Mary Lane Hospital provides high-quality health care to the 70,000 people living within the thirteen towns surrounding the Town of Ware. The volume of services provided has increased dramatically over the past few years, and Mary Lane is in the process of expanding its facilities. Founded in 1909, the hospital has 343 employees and 125 physicians.

Franklin Medical Center

Located in Greenfield, just north of the Pioneer Valley Region, Franklin Medical Center is also part of Baystate Health Systems. The facility, which serves the residents of Franklin County, has over 22,912 emergency room visits and approximately 5,000 admissions annually.

Wing Memorial Hospital

Founded in 1913, Wing Memorial Hospital is a public, non-profit community hospital located in Palmer. Over 97 percent of physicians at Wing Memorial Hospital are board certified or board eligible. In addition to the hospital facility, Wing Memorial offers a sophisticated network of satellite medical centers serving the surrounding communities. Each of these centers has access to the backup services of Wing Memorial, including lab work, x-rays, rehabilitation and counseling.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Located in Northampton, Cooley Dickinson Hospital provides community health care for over 160,000 residents of the Pioneer Valley Region and parts of Franklin County. The hospital has an active medical staff of 132, with almost 93 percent of the physicians board certified.

Cooley Dickinson recently affiliated with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, a component of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, located in Lebanon, New Hampshire. This partnership enhances the medical care available and helps ensure growth for the future.

Holyoke Hospital

With a staff of 1,000 medical and support personnel, Holyoke Hospital serves a population of 145,000. Holyoke Hospital is at the center of Holyoke-Chicopee Area Health Resource, Inc., an organization also providing community health services, outpatient and long-term care.

Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital is a community hospital which has been serving the City of Westfield since 1897. Noble Hospital can treat 90 percent of the injuries and illnesses which occur in the community. In addition to its full range of hospital care, Noble offers some distinguished services. For example, in 1989 Noble opened the Bronson Rehabilitation Center which offers comprehensive rehabilitation care for persons recovering from injury, illness or surgery. Similarly, the Fowler Wing of Noble Hospital is a twenty bed acute care psychiatric facility which provides treatment for mental illness through a multidisciplinary approach tailored for each patient.

The Shriners Hospital

Since 1922, when the first Shriners Hospital was built, more than \$2 billion have been spent building and operating the private, philanthropic Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Today, a network of 19 orthopaedic hospitals and three burn institutes exist throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The Springfield Shriners Hospital is a regional prosthetics and orthotics center. Like all Shriners Hospitals, the Springfield Shriners accepts and treats a child who can be helped, but whose treatment at another facility would place a financial burden on the family. Care is given without charge to the patient, parent

FACILITIES PROFILE - HOSPITALS

or any third party. The Shriners accepts children up to their 18th birthday regardless of race or religion.

Sisters of Providence Health System

The Sisters of Providence Health System is a health and human services organization with member institutions in Massachusetts and North Carolina. Two of those institutions, Mercy Hospital and Providence Hospital are located in the Pioneer Valley.

Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital is a 313-licensed bed, full service health care facility in Springfield. Renowned for its tradition of a holistic approach to health care, combined with state-of-the-art technology, the hospital's commitment to health care goes beyond treating illnesses and injuries, to include wellness programs, support groups and educational programs.

Mercy reintroduced maternity services in 1996 with the opening of the Family Life Center, whose 12 labor-delivery-recovery-postpartum (LDRP) rooms offer a homelike setting, along with the latest technology and an experienced, caring staff. Mercy Hospital's comprehensive services also include radiology, emergency services, oncology, surgical services, audiology, pain management, women's health and occupational health.

Mercy Hospital has full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the American College of Radiology, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital in Holyoke houses Sisters of Providence Behavioral Health - Western Massachusetts' most comprehensive array of mental health, substance abuse and child welfare treatment services - along with an outpatient diagnostic center, providing services including X-ray, MRI, laboratory and physical therapy. Adult inpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatments are also available.

The outpatient diagnostic center at Providence Hospital provides services including radiology, ultrasound, EKG, CT scan, mammography and MRI. Laboratory services are available through the Life Laboratories Blood Drawing Station adjacent to the hospital.

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TRANSIT

PVTA PROFILE

The 43 route network of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) provides comprehensive and cost-effective public transit service to the region's major urban centers and outlying suburban areas, covering 23 towns and cities across three counties.

The PVTA was formed in 1974 to rebuild and expand the region's transit system. The capital and service improvements implemented by the PVTA resulted in a major increase in ridership levels, reaching a peak of nearly 13 million in 1985. Ridership began to decline after 1985, reflecting decreased economic activity and changing urban demographics. Over the past decade, PVTA ridership has averaged 11 million passengers per year.

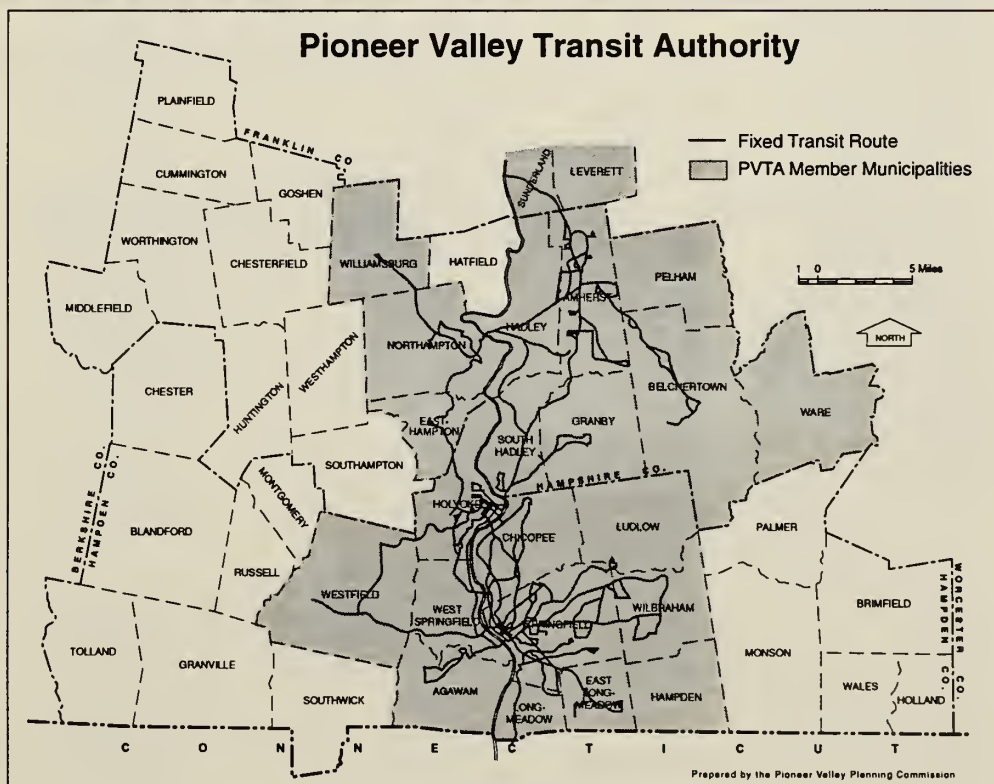
Under Massachusetts law, regional transit authorities outside of Boston may not directly operate transit service and, as a result, must contract with outside operators. The PVTA currently has contractual agreements with two transit operators, UMASS Transit and Transit Express, Inc.

To complement its fixed route services, the PVTA offers demand responsive transportation for the elderly and disabled, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Sometimes called paratransit, this service is operated through eighteen community contractors. Eligible clients make advance reservations for transportation to any destination within the PVTA transit district.

PVTA operates 177 transit coaches and 80 lift-equipped vans.

PRIVATE CARRIERS

Four privately owned bus lines provide additional transit services within the region, including connecting points nationwide: Bonanza, Greyhound, Peter Pan and Vermont Transit.



Regional Market Served By Transit & Frequency Of Service

Businesses/Activity Centers	Frequency Interval in Minutes	PVTA Route(s)
Mass Mutual Life Insurance	15	B07
USPS Mail Processing Facility	20	B06
Milton Bradley	2 trips per day	R18
Smith & Wesson	15	G02
Monsanto Chemical	20	B06
NYNEX (State Street)	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	B107, B15
Springfield Newspapers	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	G01, G02, B15
Spalding Sports Worldwide	60	P21
Graphics Technology Int'l.	120	R25
Friendly Ice Cream	60	R27
Tubed Products	60	701
National Felt	60	701
Center for Human Development	15	G01
Old Colony Envelope	30	R10
Titeflex	15	G02
Medical Facilities		
Baystate Medical Center	30	P21
Mercy Hospital	40	G02
Holyoke Hospital	60	B23, R24
Cooley-Dickinson Hospital	60	702
VA Medical Center	60	702
Providence Hospital	120	R25
Noble Hospital	30	R10
Western Mass Hospital	9 trips per day	R10
Municipal Hospital	15	B07
Wesson Memorial	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	B07, B15
Higher Education		
University of Massachusetts	continuous service	320, 330, 360, 380
Amherst College	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	301, 330, 703
Hampshire College	30	301, 304
Mt. Holyoke College	30	301, 303, 304
Smith College	15	703, 303, 304
Holyoke Community College	60	P11, B23, 701
Westfield State College	30	R10
Elms College	30	P21
Bay Path College	60	R16
Spfld. Technical Comm. College	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	B07, R15
Springfield College	30	G08
American Int'l. College	15	B07
Western New England College	30	B17
Transportation Centers		
Springfield Bus Terminal	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	G01, G02, B15
Holyoke Mall	30	P20, R25, R24
Holyoke - Northampton Street	90	R24
Northampton Bus Terminal	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	703
Amherst Center Bus Station	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	301, 330
UMass/Haigis Mall	continuous service	301, 340, 350
Amherst Train Station	10	320
Union Station	frequent service (10 mins. or less)	G01, G02,
Five Town Plaza Park & Ride	15	G01
Shopping Centers		
Eastfield Mall	30	B07, B17, R27
Holyoke Mall	30	P20, R25, R24
Springfield Plaza	30	G03
Baystate West/SIS Center	high frequency service (5 mins)	G01, G02, B07
Fairfield Mall	30	G01
Hampshire Mall	15	703
Mt. Farms Mall	15	703
Northampton Plaza	60	706
Five Town Plaza	15	G01
Century Village	30	R10
Riverdale Shops	30	P20
Holyoke K-Mart Plaza	30	P20
Haymarket Square	30	B07, B17
Springdale Mall	30	B07, B17
Village Commons	30	301, 303, 304
Airports		
Barnes Municipal	60	B23
Westover AFB	60	G19
Northampton Airport	15	703

Based on peak hour commuter headways as of 1/1/95

PVTA Fixed Route Statistics - FY 1995

Annual Passenger Trips	11,060,508
Annual Vehicle Miles	4,420,884
Annual Vehicle Hours	335,645

PVTA Paratransit Statistics - FY 1995

Annual Passenger Trips	282,013
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,456,209
Annual Vehicle Hours	110,852

PVTA Annual Passenger Trips

Fiscal Year	Regional Total	Percent Change
1983	12,585,585	
1984	12,485,996	(- 0.8)
1985	12,853,807	2.9
1986	12,770,090	(-0.7)
1987	12,300,102	(-3.7)
1988	11,503,393	(-6.5)
1989	11,081,304	(-3.7)
1990	11,331,364	2.3
1991	10,996,908	(-3.0)
1992	11,150,728	1.4
1993	10,920,872	(-2.1)
1994	11,058,756	1.2
1995	11,060,508	.02

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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AGAWAM

Agawam was the site of the first colonial settlement in the Pioneer Valley Region in 1635. The Connecticut River forms the Town's eastern border and is the basis for Agawam's name, a Native American word meaning "crooked river." Over time, the town developed a rich agricultural industry which, while still evident today, has declined in favor of residential and commercial growth.

Today, Agawam is both a residential community for those who commute to Springfield and neighboring Connecticut, as well as a commercial and industrial center itself. State Route 57, the Town's primary highway, is currently expanding and will provide direct

access to the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. This facility provides further opportunities for commercial and industrial expansion.

Agawam's population has doubled since 1960 and continued to gain at 4% to 27,323 in 1990. Almost half of the Town's land is undeveloped. The majority of developed land is in residential use. Agawam's recent decade of new home construction has coincided with the Town's effort to protect its historic open spaces and rural character.

Riverside Park, the largest amusement park in New England, attracts visitors from throughout the Northeast. Its carousel is a National Register of Historic Places landmark.

Type of Government: Mayor and 11 member City Council

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

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Agawam, MA 01001
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LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	15,566
Square Miles	24.32
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	21,085
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.71
Commercial/Industrial	\$20.92

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	15,718
1970	21,717
1980	26,271
1990	27,323

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.0%
Black	1.0%
Other	1.0%
Spanish Origin*	1.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.6	6.2
5 - 9	7.2	6.3
10 - 14	8.4	5.8
15 - 19	8.4	6.4
20 - 24	7.8	6.8
25 - 44	29.9	34.0
45 - 54	10.3	10.6
55 - 64	11.0	8.7
65 - 74	6.7	8.5
75 & Over	4.7	6.6

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	24.32
Total Road Miles (1987)	86.28

Land Use	Acres
Residential	4,201.0
Commercial	193.0
Industrial	275.7
Urban Open/Public	513.7
Outdoor Recreational	731.4
Tilled Land	2,679.0
Undeveloped Open Space	6,230.9
Water	587.4

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Robinson State Park
GOLF COURSES: Agawam Country Club, St. Anne Golf Course, Crest View Country Club (private), Oak Ridge Country Club
OTHER: Pioneer Valley Indoor Tennis, Agawam Repertory Theatre, Agawam Stable, Springfield Yacht and Canoe, Riverside Amusement Park and Motor Speedway.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
 CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN AGAWAM 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	849	9.4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	90	1.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	444	4.9%
Manufacturing	1,373	15.3%
Trans, Comm., Utilities	376	4.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,234	24.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	242	2.7%
Services	3,390	37.7%
Total Employment	8,998	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$23,648

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

25.14%	work in Agawam
74.86%	commute out of Agawam

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	19.7%
4 years High School	35.3%
Less than 4 years College	25.9%
4 or more years College	19.1%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,436

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$124,000
1992	\$120,000
1993	\$121,500
1994	\$119,500
1995	\$112,500

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	14,818	3.4%
1985	13,643	3.0%
1986	13,588	2.8%
1987	14,298	2.6%
1988	14,355	2.6%
1989	14,691	3.0%
1990	14,651	4.4%
1991	14,444	7.5%
1992	14,534	8.3%
1993	15,033	6.9%
1994	14,874	6.3%
1995	14,688	5.0%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	10.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	14.2%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.5%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	22.1%
\$75,000 or more	10.4%

1990 Median Household Income:
 \$37,261

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 5.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

AMHERST

The Town of Amherst has maintained its small town atmosphere even as it has evolved from its earliest beginnings as a college community to a major educational and employment center of 35,228.

Named for Lord Jefferey Amherst, British general of the French and Indian War, Amherst is home to the oldest college in Western Massachusetts, Amherst College, which opened in 1821. In 1867 the former Massachusetts Agricultural College opened its doors, a land grant college and the only exclusively agricultural college in the country. In the last fifty years "Mass Aggie" evolved to become the University of Massachusetts, the region's largest employer and one of the leading research institutions in the nation. Hampshire College, the area's newest college, was founded in 1970.

Amherst has a thriving central

business district with a broad array of shops and many restaurants, cafes, and book stores. There are a variety of housing choices, extensive free transit service, a waste water treatment plant and a growing number of technology-based companies. In addition to local police and fire, there is a large campus force associated with the colleges.

The Dickinson House, home to 19th century poet Emily Dickinson, is a National Historic Landmark, and is owned by Amherst College. The Jones Library contains special collections relative to Dickinson and poet Robert Frost who once taught at Amherst College. The Pratt Museum of Natural History holds one of the world's finest collections of dinosaur tracks, fossils, and meteorites. The town plays host to craft fairs, farmer's markets and the biennial New England Artist's Festival and Showcase.

Type of Government:
Representative Town Meeting,
5 Selectmen

Transit System:
Public Carriers Pioneer Valley
Transit Authority

Private Carriers Peter Pan Bus
Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Council
on Aging, Starvos Center for
Independent Living, UMass
Disabled Transp. Service

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall
Amherst, MA 01002
Phone: (413) 256-4001
FAX: (413) 256-4006

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	17,758
Square Miles	27.75

1996 Vehicle Registration \$14,274
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$18.39
Commercial/Industrial	\$18.39

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	13,718
1970	26,331
1980	33,229
1990	35,228

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	85.0%
Black	4.6%
Other	10.4%
Spanish Origin*	4.7%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	2.5	3.3
5 - 9	3.1	3.7
10 - 14	4.0	3.1
15 - 19	22.6	22.4
20 - 24	35.3	32.8
25 - 44	20.2	20.7
45 - 54	4.3	5.4
55 - 64	3.8	3.6
65 - 74	2.3	2.8
75 & Over	2.0	2.4

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	27.75
Total Road Miles (1987)	85.7

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,294.9
Commercial	145.6
Industrial	140.8
Urban Open/Public	825.2
Outdoor Recreational	409.0
Tilled Land	2,793.4
Undeveloped Land	10,103.3
Water	28.9

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Groff Park, Mill River Recreation Area, Community Field, Amethyst Brook, Lawrence Swamp.

GOLF COURSES: Hickory Ridge, Amherst Golf Club, Cherry Hill.

OTHER: None

BIKEWAY: Norwottuck Rail Trail

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN AMHERST 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	4,865	44.7%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	107	1.0%
Mining	c	c%
Construction	98	0.9%
Manufacturing	138	1.3%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	150	1.4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,829	16.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	283	2.6%
Services	3,413	31.3%
Total Employment	10,889	100.00%

Average Annual Wage \$31,372

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

72.19%	work in Amherst
27.81%	commute out of Amherst

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	6.3%
4 years High School	9.7%
Less than 4 years College	17.8%
4 or more years College	66.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12;
Member of Smith and Franklin
Vocational High Schools
Colleges: Amherst College,
Hampshire College,
University of Massachusetts

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$6,147

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$145,000
1992	\$126,000
1993	\$137,000
1994	\$132,750
1995	\$131,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	19,506	4.2%
1985	19,434	3.1%
1986	19,005	2.9%
1987	18,930	2.0%
1988	19,290	2.1%
1989	19,609	3.3%
1990	20,240	4.1%
1991	19,586	5.9%
1992	20,654	5.7%
1993	16,886	2.5%
1994	16,779	2.2%
1995	17,139	2.2%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	17.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	18.2%
\$25,000 - 34,999	12.3%
\$35,000 - 49,999	15.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	12.4%
\$75,000 or more	14.4%

1990 Median Household Income: \$26,772

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 26.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown has the second largest land area of any community in Massachusetts and lies adjacent to the Quabbin Reservoir, one of the largest man-made reservoirs in the country. Water supply from this "accidental wilderness" serves nearly half the residents of the state. A noted wildlife preserve surrounds the reservoir. This semi-rural, residential community, with its scenic landscape and proximity to both Amherst and Springfield, has experienced unprecedented residential development. As a result of this influx, the town's population increased 27% to 10,579 in 1990.

Up until the time of the Civil War, an active carriage trade thrived in town. Summer residents discovered Belchertown in the early 1900s, establishing a few large summer hotels. Today there are few farms left and small businesses flourish

around the center of town which is highlighted by its expansive, beautiful Town Common. The annual Belchertown Fair of handicraft exhibits, horse draws, and a church supper is held on the Common.

Housing today consists primarily of single-family homes, though a considerable number of new apartments have been constructed since the 1980s. Seventy-six percent of the housing is owner occupied, and 68% are single family homes. Most of the newer residents commute to work in nearby urban centers. The Belchertown State School, which was once one of the largest employers in town has closed.

The Stone House Museum, built in 1827, contains Rogers Group sculptures and Early American furnishings. Lake Metacomet and Lake Arcadia are state property. The McLaughlin Fish Hatchery, the largest fish hatchery east of the Mississippi River, and the Swift River Wildlife Management Area are also located in Belchertown.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 5 Selectmen

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging, (Bondsville) Vanpool Transportation Company

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 2 Jabish St.
Belchertown, MA 01007
Phone: (413) 323-0403
FAX: (413) 323-0411

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	34,668
Square Miles	54.17
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	8,688
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.37
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.37

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	5,186
1970	5,936
1980	8,339
1990	10,579

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.1%
Black	0.5%
Other	1.4%
Spanish Origin*	0.9%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.9	8.0
5 - 9	7.3	7.9
10 - 14	6.9	6.6
15 - 19	7.1	5.5
20 - 24	10.9	6.2
25 - 44	35.2	40.3
45 - 54	8.4	8.9
55 - 64	9.0	6.6
65 - 74	5.7	6.3
75 & Over	2.7	3.7

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	54.17
Total Road Miles (1987)	107.88

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,927.1
Commercial	57.6
Industrial	148.3
Urban Open/Public	312.1
Outdoor Recreational	98.0
Tilled Land	2,641.8
Undeveloped Land	26,633.3
Water	1,829.0

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Swift River Wildlife Reserve, Holland Glen, Parson's Field, Quabbin Watershed, Belchertown Town Common.
GOLF COURSES: Mill Valley Country Club.
OTHER: Pelham Sportsman's Club, Swift River Sport Club, Belchertown Town Beach, Camp Bobbin Hollow.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN BELCHERTOWN 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	433	28.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	57	3.8%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	81	5.3%
Manufacturing	72	4.7%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	89	5.9%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	417	27.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	46	3.0%
Services	323	21.3%
Total Employment	1,518	100.00%

Average Annual Wage \$19,535

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WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

24.27%	work in Belchertown
75.73%	commute out of Belchertown

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	19.5%
4 years High School	28.6%
Less than 4 years College	23.1%
4 or more years College	28.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Member of Vocational Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$3,659

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$119,900
1992	\$115,700
1993	\$125,000
1994	\$128,000
1995	\$123,700

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	4,547	6.7%
1985	4,167	5.8%
1986	4,143	5.5%
1987	4,749	2.4%
1988	4,737	2.5%
1989	5,207	2.9%
1990	5,229	4.9%
1991	5,141	7.8%
1992	5,661	7.7%
1993	6,229	6.1%
1994	6,150	5.2%
1995	6,248	4.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	11.0%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.7%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	22.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	22.1%
\$75,000 or more	10.7%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$38,868

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 9.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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BLANDFORD

While the rugged terrain of this quiet hilltown has restricted a great influx of development, the opportunity for outdoor recreation has attracted a growing resort community. The popularity of Blandford Ski Area, Cobble Mountain Reservoir and the Mountain Laurel Trail can perhaps explain a 14% increase in population to 1,187 in 1990.

Originally settled in 1741, it became one of the most prosperous towns in the area when dairying infiltrated the traditional farming practices of sheep raising and grain harvesting. Blandford became a bustling agricultural community. However, this prosperity was not to last due to the construction of

the Western Railroad (later called the Boston/Albany railroad) through Westfield which diverted trade and traffic.

This beautiful community has also taken a place in "Hollywood History," particularly during the 1930's. Some early "Tarzan" movies were filmed on location, as well as portions of the Shirley Temple film "The Little Rebel".

Today, Blandford continues to maintain its character as a rural, residential community. Industry is limited, with some dairy and orchard operations in existence. The annual Blandford Fair, one of the oldest fairs in the region, attracts many visitors every Labor Day Weekend.

Type of Government:
Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main St.
Blandford, MA 01008
Phone: (413) 848-2782
FAX: (413) 848-0908

LAND AREA AND TAX BASE

Acres	34,183
Square Miles	53.41

1996 Vehicle Registration 1,013
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$10.95
Commercial/Industrial	\$10.95

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	636
1970	863
1980	1,038
1990	1,187

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.7%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.3%
Spanish Origin*	1.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.7	7.0
5 - 9	9.6	7.6
10 - 14	8.6	7.8
15 - 19	9.2	6.7
20 - 24	4.8	3.7
25 - 44	31.6	37.4
45 - 54	9.2	12.1
55 - 64	10.3	7.7
65 - 74	5.3	7.0
75 & Over	4.7	3.1

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	54.17
Total Road Miles (1987)	62.71

Land Use	Acres
Residential	631.3
Commercial	9.5
Industrial	13.5
Urban Open/Public	54.8
Outdoor Recreational	223.2
Tilled Land	744.0
Undeveloped Land	31,031.6
Water	1,137.8

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Springfield Water Shed,
Watson Park, Blandford/
Chester State Forest.

GOLF COURSES: Blandford
Country Club.

OTHER: Blandford Ski Area,
Blandford Fair Grounds.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN BLANDFORD 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	66	49.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	46	34.3%
Total Employment	134	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$15,278

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

11.95% work in Blandford
88.05% commute out of
Blandford

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	11.5%
4 years High School	35.7%
Less than 4 years College	29.8%
4 or more years College	23.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991): \$4,816

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 96,500
1992	\$118,000
1993	\$121,980
1994	\$113,000
1995	\$131,900

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	598	9.2%
1985	535	4.1%
1986	554	3.6%
1987	573	2.8%
1988	585	2.1%
1989	618	2.6%
1990	613	5.7%
1991	562	10.1%
1992	636	8.8%
1993	727	6.9%
1994	751	6.1%
1995	735	5.3%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	4.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.5%
\$35,000 - 49,999	26.3%
\$50,000 - 74,999	22.2%
\$75,000 or more	9.2%

1990 Median Household In-
come:
\$39,018

1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level: 1.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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BRIMFIELD

Brimfield is a small, residential community located at the south-eastern edge of Hampden County. Comprised of 5 villages - Brimfield Center, East and West Brimfield, Fentonville and Dingley Dell - it has managed to resist the extreme development pressure typical of many rural, residential towns. Still, Brimfield has shown marked growth from 2,318 to 3,001, a 29% increase, in 1990.

Brimfield was the third town to be settled in Hampden County and was originally founded as a plantation, adjoining Springfield in 1701. In 1714 it was established as an independent town, covering an area which today is made up of Monson, Wales and Holland. Though predominantly a farming community, industry during the colonial period included the manufacturing of pottery, bricks and

wool clothing. Throughout the 19th century, manufacturing activity increased, as grist mills, saw mills and even a distillery were introduced into the community.

Brimfield is characterized by lakes, streams and gentle, rolling landscapes. Steerage Rock, located on the ridge of Mount Waddaquaddock, was an important landmark during colonial times on the Bay Path Trail, which connected Boston with towns along the Connecticut River Valley.

Today, Brimfield is host to the largest antique show and flea market in all of New England. Nationally renowned, this market is held 3 times a year on expansive grounds along Route 20. Prior to the construction of the Massachusetts Turnpike, Route 20 was the main highway connecting Boston and Western Massachusetts.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall
Brimfield, MA 01010
Phone: (413) 245-4101
FAX: (413) 245-4118
(Fire Department)

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	22,588
Square Miles	35.29
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	2,336
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.29
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.29

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	1,414
1970	1,907
1980	2,318
1990	3,001

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.0%
Black	0.6%
Other	0.4%
Spanish Origin*	0.7%

*Note: persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.2	7.8
5 - 9	6.9	8.6
10 - 14	9.2	8.1
15 - 19	9.5	5.2
20 - 24	6.0	4.0
25 - 44	28.3	33.3
45 - 54	9.2	11.2
55 - 64	9.8	7.9
65 - 74	9.9	7.4
75 & Over	4.8	6.5

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	35.29
Total Road Miles (1987)	61.37

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,148.1
Commercial	129.8
Industrial	44.6
Urban Open/Public	60.3
Outdoor Recreational	34.8
Tilled Land	1,292.0
Undeveloped Land	19,410.4
Water	338.3

RECREATION AREAS

Brimfield State Forest
East Brimfield Reservoir
Mary Lyon Birthplace
Post 430 Sportsmen's Club.
Quinebaug Cove Camping
Springfield Boys Club Camp

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN BRIMFIELD 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	82	21.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	21	5.4%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	19	5.0%
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	19	5.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	50	13.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	10	3.0%
Services	110	28.1%
Total Employment	391	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$21,361

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

14.93%	work in Brimfield
85.07%	commute out of Brimfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	23.2%
4 years High School	32.8%
Less than 4 years College	24.4%
4 or more years College	19.6%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary;
Tantasqua Regional High School

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,110

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$115,100
1992	\$ 93,000
1993	\$116,000
1994	\$ 98,000
1995	\$107,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	1,149	5.4%
1985	1,084	3.9%
1986	1,118	4.5%
1987	1,252	3.1%
1988	1,144	3.8%
1989	1,272	4.7%
1990	1,292	7.0%
1991	1,295	10.6%
1992	1,178	12.1%
1993	1,380	8.7%
1994	1,430	7.1%
1995	1,621	6.0%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	10.6%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.0%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	13.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	27.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	19.7%
\$75,000 or more	5.1%

1990 Median Household Income: \$36,227

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.2%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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CHESTER

Despite a rugged landscape with extremely sloping hills which allow only minimal residential or industrial development, Chester has attracted a growing population up 14% to 1,280 in 1990. The Town gained national attention as the birthplace of the abrasives industry due to the expansive emery deposits once actively mined in town. Currently, the town's largest employer is a lumber company.

Established in 1783, the town of Chester is comprised of three distinct neighborhoods: Chester Village, Chester and North Chester. In its heyday, there was a granite quarry along what is now Route 20. The coming of the Western Railroad, once a major employer (later named the Boston and Albany railroad) shifted the town center to Chester Village

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from its original site, whose earlier purpose, because of its position on higher ground was to avoid Indian attacks. Today the railroad has diminished in importance to the town, but remnants of the once industrial boom-town are the historic train station and the "Old Chester Jail" in Chester Village, now housing the headquarters of the Chester Historical Society. The Congregational Church and former schoolhouse, built in 1763, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chester offers rural lifestyle with only 30 people per square mile. Chester takes part in the Gateway Regional School System. The Town's "miniature Theatre", an actors equity production company, feature, nationally known stage and movie stars who perform in the historic Town Hall.

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Middlefield St.
Chester, MA 01011
Phone: (413) 354-7760
FAX: none

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	23,788
Square Miles	37.17

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,067
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.06
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.06

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	1,155
1970	1,025
1980	1,123
1990	1,280

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.0%
Black	0.0%
Other	1.0%
Spanish Origin*	0.7%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.6	7.9
5 - 9	6.0	8.3
10 - 14	8.3	7.9
15 - 19	10.2	5.5
20 - 24	6.6	4.2
25 - 44	27.9	35.4
45 - 54	10.7	11.1
55 - 64	11.0	8.7
65 - 74	7.3	6.9
75 & Over	6.2	4.2

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	37.17
Total Road Miles (1987)	59.46

Land Use	Acres
Residential	535.6
Commercial	12.1
Industrial	36.8
Urban Open/Public	36.6
Outdoor Recreational	15.1
Tilled Land	498.3
Undeveloped Land	22,268.1
Water	385.3

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Town Watershed,
Canada Hill Wildlife, Chester
State Forest, Hampden Street
Park.

GOLF COURSES: none.

OTHER: Brookside Lodge,
Walker Island Campground,
Littleville Fairgrounds

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN CHESTER 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	5	6.0 %
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Com., Utilities	0	0.0 %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	14	16.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	c	c %
Services	c	c%
Total Employment	88	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$18,072

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

20.45%	work in Chester
79.55%	commute out of Chester

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	20.0%
4 years High School	42.9%
Less than 4 years College	22.7%
4 or more years College	14.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Regional School District.

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991): \$4,817

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 87,000
1992	\$ 85,000
1993	\$100,000
1994	\$80,000
1995	\$99,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	577	10.4%
1985	512	4.7%
1986	530	4.2%
1987	547	5.7%
1988	560	5.2%
1989	589	5.3%
1990	578	7.4%
1991	544	14.0%
1992	686	14.0%
1993	793	9.5%
1994	848	11.9%
1995	806	8.2%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	10.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.9%
\$25,000 - 34,999	18.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	22.9%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.8%
\$75,000 or more	7.1%

1990 Median Household
Income: \$35,625

1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level: 5.9%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield's landscape is characterized by magnificent rolling hills with two main valleys through which flow branches of the Westfield River, proposed for designation as a National Scenic and Wild River. New residents in this hilltown community are attracted by the town's rural quality and account for a 5% rise in population to 1,048 in 1990. Almost 90% of the homes are owner-occupied.

Established in 1762, Chesterfield's farming activity has declined since colonial days, though some dairy farms and orchards remain. The economy in town is influenced by small wood product and lumber businesses, though the majority of residents commute to work in Northampton, Springfield, or in

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Connecticut. Land area is nearly 90% woodland or wetland. Chesterfield Gorge, a 60 acre preserve which offers picnicking and fishing, contains a magnificent 30-foot abyss near the headwaters of the pristine Westfield River.

Blacksmith Sam Eddy, whose participation in the Battle of Sayler's Creek in Virginia during the Civil War made him Hampshire County's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner, was from Chesterfield. Chesterfield's New England heritage is maintained with Grange suppers and elections held in the non-sectarian First Congregational Church Hall. A Boy Scout camp is located in Chesterfield. Parks include the Chesterfield Gorge State Park, the Chesterfield Gorge Reservoir, and the Phillip W. Russell Park.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, PO Box B-8
Chesterfield, MA 01012
Phone: (413) 296-4771
FAX: none

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,007
Square Miles	31.26
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	829
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$18.39
Commercial/Industrial	\$18.39

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	556
1970	704
1980	1,000
1990	1,048

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.2%
Black	.3%
Other	.5%
Spanish Origin*	.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.3	6.8
5 - 9	7.5	9.9
10 - 14	7.8	7.8
15 - 19	10.5	6.7
20 - 24	8.2	4.3
25 - 44	36.0	39.1
45 - 54	9.4	10.2
55 - 64	6.4	7.3
65 - 74	3.8	5.3
75 & Over	4.1	3.0

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	31.26
Total Road Miles (1987)	51.60

Land Use	Acres
Residential	530.3
Commercial	14.4
Industrial	11.0
Urban Open/Public	13.8
Outdoor Recreational	21.8
Tilled Land	747.3
Undeveloped Land	18,443.1
Water	225.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Chesterfield Gorge State
Park, Chesterfield Gorge
Reservoir, Phillip W. Russell
Park.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Chesterfield Boy Scout
Camp, The Bend.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN CHESTERFIELD 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	29	37.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c %
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	11	14.0%
Total Employment	79	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$16,595

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**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

17.18%	work in Chesterfield
82.82%	commute out of Chesterfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	17.5%
4 years High School	34.2%
Less than 4 years College	29.4%
4 or more years College	18.9%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary
K-6; Member Hampshire Regional
School District

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$4,121

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$117,000
1992	\$100,000
1993	\$120,500
1994	\$ 98,000
1995	\$100,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	594	11.1%
1985	524	5.0%
1986	543	4.4%
1987	601	2.5%
1988	618	3.2%
1989	649	4.0%
1990	634	5.5%
1991	597	12.4%
1992	605	8.4%
1993	714	7.0%
1994	720	4.0%
1995	674	3.7%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	9.2%
\$10,000 - 14,999	2.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.9%
\$25,000 - 34,999	22.1%
\$35,000 - 49,999	26.1%
\$50,000 - 74,999	17.1%
\$75,000 or more	10.1%

**1990 Median Household
Income:** \$36,106

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 2.7%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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CHICOPEE

Chicopee is among the first planned industrial communities in the United States. A group of wealthy merchants established the Chicopee Mills which were so profitable that the investors built an elaborate complex of mills, housing and canals which evolved in the City of Holyoke. While many of the historic mills and industries are now gone, many 19th Century churches are maintained, as well as the home of Edward Bellamy, the famous visionary who wrote the influential novel, *Looking Backward*.

Chicopee is located at the "Cross-roads of New England", the intersection of Interstate 91 and the Massachusetts Turnpike. Today, it is a strong commercial, residential and industrial center which includes the Westover Industrial Airparks, developed following the deactivation of Chicopee's

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Westover Air Force Base. The Westover Metropolitan Airport, adjacent to the industrial parks, offers private passenger and cargo service, including full customs clearance.

It is estimated that the Air Force Base, now one of four home bases for the Galaxy C-5A cargo planes, contributes \$5 million per week to the region's economy. The base served as the nation's deployment center for troops during the Persian Gulf war, a demonstration of this area's strategic advantage for overseas transport. Chicopee is also headquarters for Spalding Sports Worldwide and home to one of the largest Dow Jones & Co. plants in the nation, publishers of the Wall Street Journal.

Chicopee hosts a number of recreational and cultural activities, including the World Kielbasa Festival celebrating Polish heritage.

Type of government: Mayor, Board of Alderman

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Peter Pan Bus Lines (at Exit 6, Burnett Road)

Para-Transit Carriers Friends of the Retarded, Valley Opportunity Council, Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Hall, Market Square
Chicopee, MA 01013
Phone: (413) 594-4711
FAX: (413) 594-2057

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	15,260
Square Miles	23.84
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	36,384
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.77
Commercial/Industrial	\$26.09

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	61,553
1970	66,676
1980	55,112
1990	56,632

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	95.4%
Black	1.8%
Other	2.8%
Spanish Origin*	3.6%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.0	6.3
5 - 9	6.1	6.4
10 - 14	7.5	5.9
15 - 19	8.9	6.5
20 - 24	9.0	7.5
25 - 44	24.3	30.8
45 - 54	11.2	9.4
55 - 64	13.3	10.0
65 - 74	8.4	10.7
75 & Over	5.3	6.6

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	23.84
Total Road Miles (1987)	138.67

Land Use	Acres
Residential	4,918.5
Commercial	539.4
Industrial	725.5
Urban Open/Public	1,410.1
Outdoor Recreational	500.3
Tilled Land	153.9
Undeveloped Land	4,078.7
Water	584.8

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Chicopee State Park,
Szot Park.

GOLF COURSES: Chicopee
Country Club, Oxford Country
Club.

OTHER: Orecon Sportsmens
Club, Mountain Lake Resort.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
CACI

**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN CHICOPEE 1995***

	Number	Percent of City Total
Government	3,304	16.7%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	193	0.9%
Mining	c	c %
Construction	794	4.0%
Manufacturing	5,031	25.4%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	1,047	5.3%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4,950	25.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	549	2.8%
Services	3,940	19.9%
Total Employment	19,811	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$26,255

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

34.27%	work in Chicopee
65.73%	commute out of Chicopee

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	33.7%
4 years High School	35.0%
Less than 4 years College	20.9%
4 or more years College	10.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Includes Vocational Training
Colleges: College of Our Lady of
the Elms

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$4,610

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$102,000
1992	\$102,000
1993	\$ 96,000
1994	\$ 94,000
1995	\$ 90,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	30,074	5.2%
1985	27,618	4.4%
1986	27,484	4.2%
1987	28,821	3.4%
1988	28,958	3.5%
1989	29,457	4.2%
1990	29,546	6.1%
1991	29,187	9.4%
1992	27,647	9.2%
1993	28,318	8.4%
1994	27,730	6.8%
1995	27,003	6.4%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	16.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	17.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	20.4%
\$50,000 - 74,999	14.6%
\$75,000 or more	5.1%

**1990 Median Household
Income:** \$28,905

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 9.8%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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CUMMINGTON

Cummington is a rural hilltown community with a growing population of 785, a 19% increase since 1980. Many residents commute to work in Northampton or Pittsfield. Comprised of three villages, Cummington Center, West Cummington and Swift River, the town is hilly and heavily wooded. The town is primarily residential with a year-round resort community. Approximately 3/4 of the homes are single family residences. Woolen and cotton mills and the making of palm leaf hats were main industries in the 19th century but when the railroad bypassed the town, many industries vacated. Small family farms with dairy, fruit, or maple syrup operations were active and remain so today.

The town's history is rich with artists and performers who made their home in Cummington, a

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tradition that continues today. William Cullen Bryant, poet and New York Evening Post editor, settled here in 1865. In 1872 he built the Cummington Library and the librarian's house, which is still a benefit of employment as librarian.

The Cummington Press was once one of the finest small publishing presses, which actively helped struggling writers gain a larger audience for their works. In addition, the town was featured in the short film produced by the U.S. Office of War Information in 1945, entitled "The Cummington Story," which featured the families of Jewish artists who escaped Hitler's Europe. In 1990, the Swift River farms, once a stately resort which had fallen into disrepair was purchased for renovation by the owners of Mirage Studios in Northampton, creators of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main St.
Cummington, MA 01026
Phone: (413) 634-5354
FAX: (413) 634-5568

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	14,763
Square Miles	23.07
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	742
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$13.70
Commercial/Industrial	\$13.70

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	550
1970	562
1980	657
1990	785

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.4%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.6%
Spanish Origin*	0.4%

*Note: Persons of Spanish Origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.0	6.0
5 - 9	5.6	8.0
10 - 14	7.5	7.9
15 - 19	5.9	5.9
20 - 24	5.3	5.2
25 - 44	30.9	38.5
45 - 54	10.0	8.0
55 - 64	10.5	7.5
65 - 74	8.4	7.8
75 & Over	8.7	5.2

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	23.07
Total Road Miles (1987)	48.18

Land Use	Acres
Residential	422.0
Commercial	30.4
Industrial	14.6
Urban Open/Public	14.3
Outdoor Recreational	143.5
Tilled Land	930.8
Undeveloped Land	13,089.1
Water	97.9

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Cummington Town Recreation Area, Town Forest, Town Beach, Cummington Fairgrounds.
GOLF COURSES: None
OTHER: Cummington Rod and Gun Club.
SPECIAL: Mountain View Campgrounds, Shire Village Campground, W.C. Bryant Homestead, Greenwood Music Camp, Swift River Farm, Berkshire Snow Basin.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
 CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR DIVISION IN CUMMINGTON 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	50	26.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	c	c%
Construction	4	2.1%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	28	14.7%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	c	c%
Total Employment	191	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$13,579

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

24.42%	work in Cummington
75.58%	commute out of Cummington

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	13.3%
4 years High School	24.0%
Less than 4 years College	35.2%
4 or more years College	27.5%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of Regional School System

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,967

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$125,000
1992	\$ 99,000
1993	\$ 85,000
1994	\$150,000
1995	\$ 86,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	374	7.5%
1985	337	3.3%
1986	350	2.9%
1987	406	4.7%
1988	409	3.2%
1989	419	4.3%
1990	420	8.1%
1991	387	12.9%
1992	480	13.1%
1993	556	8.3%
1994	568	6.7%
1995	546	5.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	12.0%
\$10,000 - 14,999	10.9%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.7%
\$25,000 - 34,999	21.4%
\$35,000 - 49,999	14.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	19.6%
\$75,000 or more	7.8%

1990 Median Household Income: \$30,741

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 9.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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EASTHAMPTON

Located below the rugged Mount Tom Range, Easthampton is a residential and manufacturing community, whose population has remained constant at 15,537 in 1990. Maintaining a New England village character, the town's Central Business District is not only the focus of Easthampton, but remains an architecturally attractive and historically significant feature of the community.

Settled around 1664 and incorporated in 1785, the town was an agrarian village until the mid-1800s when manufacturing became a major force in the local economy. Innovations in the manufacture of cloth-covered buttons and the use of vulcanized rubber in woven goods catapulted Easthampton into a leading industrial center. By the 1900s, there were numerous factories producing yarn, thread, buttons, and elastic. These factories were established along the Nashawannuck River.

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Several firms today have headquarters or major plants in Easthampton including Stanhome Inc. a Fortune 500 company, the National Felt Co., Kellogg Brush Manufacturing Co., and Tubed Products, Inc. Housing has expanded, in the midst of this economic growth, with many choices ranging from apartments to single family homes in rural settings. Approximately 60% of the homes are owner-occupied.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society manages the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Easthampton which provides educational programs for adults and children. The Manhan River flows through the center of town and there is fishing on Nashawannuck Pond. Nonotuck Park contains 94 acres for outdoor recreation. Easthampton is also home to the Williston Northampton School, a private secondary co-educational college preparatory school which recently received a blue ribbon educational award, ranking it one of the top private schools in the country.

Type of government:
Representative Town Meeting,
5 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:
Public Carriers Pioneer Valley
Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on
Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 43 Main St.
Easthampton, MA 01027
Phone: (413) 529-1470
FAX: (413) 529-1499

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	8,674
Square Miles	13.55

1996 Vehicle Registration 11,461
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$14.83
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.83

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	12,326
1970	13,012
1980	15,580
1990	15,537

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.0%
Black	0.4%
Other	1.6%
Spanish Origin*	1.8%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.0	6.6
5 - 9	7.5	6.3
10 - 14	7.6	6.1
15 - 19	7.8	6.7
20 - 24	8.9	7.6
25 - 44	29.9	36.0
45 - 54	9.2	8.8
55 - 64	10.9	8.2
65 - 74	6.9	8.4
75 & Over	4.3	5.4

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	13.55
Total Road Miles (1987)	70.49

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,161.0
Commercial	117.2
Industrial	156.1
Urban Open/Public	148.8
Outdoor Recreational	65.6
Tilled Land	1,731.2
Undeveloped Land	4,133.2
Water	125.3

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Massachusetts Audubon Society's Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Nashawanuck Pond, Nonotuck Park and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks.
GOLF COURSES: None
OTHER: Pine Valley Pool.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN EASTHAMPTON 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	455	11.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	26	0.6%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	313	7.6%
Manufacturing	1,799	43.4%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	60	1.4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	729	17.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	123	3.0%
Services	638	15.4%
Total Employment	4,143	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$23,946

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

28.68%	work in Easthampton
71.32%	commute out of Easthampton

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	21.5%
4 years High School	33.3%
Less than 4 years College	26.4%
4 or more years College	18.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,628

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$114,000
1992	\$110,000
1993	\$112,500
1994	\$108,900
1995	\$106,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	8,851	3.0%
1985	8,154	2.6%
1986	8,123	2.5%
1987	8,682	2.4%
1988	8,674	2.7%
1989	8,713	3.4%
1990	8,714	5.0%
1991	8,620	8.5%
1992	8,265	8.6%
1993	8,421	6.3%
1994	8,354	5.9%
1995	8,292	5.8%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME*

0 - \$9,999	9.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	17.7%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.9%
\$35,000 - 49,999	22.8%
\$50,000 - 74,999	18.3%
\$75,000 or more	7.1%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$33,733

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 5.0%

*These figures include the Town of Westhampton.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION
EAST LONGMEADOW

With half of its developed land in residential use, East Longmeadow is both suburban and rural in character, with a mix of primarily single family homes and an abundance of open space and woodland. At the same time, East Longmeadow has undergone industrial growth, making this bedroom community one with a strong economic base as well.

The Milton Bradley Company, an international leader in game and toy manufacturing, has its corporate headquarters and production facility in town. American Saw & Manufacturing Company is also located in East Longmeadow. Both companies anchor successful industrial developments in the southern section of town, which borders the state of Connecticut.

Settled about 1740 as part of Longmeadow, East Longmeadow

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became a separate town in 1894. There is a strong community spirit, demonstrated every summer with the Independence Day Celebration, featuring a fireworks display and the regions largest parade. A quarry town once famous for its brownstone and redstone quarries, which closed in 1972, East Longmeadow exemplifies its heritage in its Historical Commission Building and the Elijah Burt House. Built in 1720, it is one of the oldest houses in Western Massachusetts.

Heritage Park is a 46-acre community park offering picnicking, fishing, ice skating and cross-country skiing. Close to the town center and along its Main Street, East Longmeadow offers an array of shopping facilities from specialty boutiques to a discount department store. The town's population increased 3.5% in between 1980 and 1990 to 13,367 residents.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging, Mediplex of East Longmeadow

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 60 Center Square
East Longmeadow, MA 01028
Phone: (413) 525-5400
FAX: (413) 525-1025

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	8,335
Square Miles	13.02

1996 Vehicle Registration 10,637
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$17.28
Commercial/Industrial	\$17.28

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	10,294
1970	13,029
1980	12,905
1990	13,367

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.8%
Black	0.6%
Other	0.6%
Spanish Origin*	0.5%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.7	6.1
5 - 9	6.8	6.8
10 - 14	9.1	6.6
15 - 19	9.9	6.3
20 - 24	6.8	5.4
25 - 44	25.2	28.4
45 - 54	12.7	11.3
55 - 64	12.0	10.8
65 - 74	6.8	9.7
75 & Over	5.9	8.6

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	13.02
Total Road Miles (1987)	77.78

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,760.6
Commercial	135.6
Industrial	260.8
Urban Open/Public	212.8
Outdoor Recreational	295.9
Tilled Land	846.4
Undeveloped Land	3,770.1
Water	43.0

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Heritage Park, Veterans Field, John Tranchese Playground.

GOLF COURSES: Pineknoll Par 3 Golf, Elmcrest Country Club, Fenway Practice Golf.

OTHER: NONE

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEa MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN EAST LONGMEADOW 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	584	6.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	80	0.9%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	264	3.1%
Manufacturing	3,854	45.4%
Tran., Comm., Utilities	188	2.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,628	19.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	172	2.0%
Services	1,715	20.2%
Total Employment	8,485	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$28,323

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WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

27.72%	work in East Longmeadow
72.28%	commute out of East Longmeadow

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	15.3%
4 years High School	34.4%
Less than 4 years College	25.8%
4 or more years College	24.5%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,609

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$116,450
1992	\$119,000
1993	\$120,000
1994	\$122,500
1995	\$124,590

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	6,928	5.4%
1985	6,360	4.6%
1986	6,328	4.4%
1987	6,346	2.7%
1988	6,336	2.1%
1989	6,553	2.5%
1990	6,538	3.9%
1991	6,427	6.8%
1992	6,615	7.6%
1993	6,910	6.2%
1994	6,817	5.3%
1995	7,002	4.4%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	9.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	12.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	20.5%
\$50,000 - 74,999	23.9%
\$75,000 or more	16.7%

1990 Median Household Income: \$41,372

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 3.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

GOSHEN

While the town of Goshen has experienced some growth pressures, its population up 27% to 830 in 1990, it has largely maintained its quiet, country character. Residential development has consisted mainly of single family homes (91%) in an area which lies along Route 9. The remainder of Goshen is hilly and forested, with some scattered open fields in farming.

Incorporated in 1781, the town was named after the Goshen of biblical accounts which the Israelites inhabited while in Egypt. As with most hilltowns, the Congregational Church has played a central role in its establishment, and biblical references are part of the fabric of the community to this day. The Whale Inn, near the center of town, was named after the story of Jonah.

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This inn has hosted such celebrities as Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Edward R. Murrow, and poet Archibald MacLeish.

Quarrying was an important industry in the 19th century. One quarry produced what has been called Goshen Stone, and the mineral lithium aluminum silicate, the source of lithium metal, was found in town. There are still geological digs every year on the spot now called Lithia Farms.

The D.A.R. Forest, the first D.A.R. forest in the United States, is located in Goshen and there is a beach at the upper and lower Highland Lake. Goshen has its own elementary school and is a member of the Hampshire Regional District. There is no public water or sewer system. Residents obtain water from private springs and wells.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main St.
Goshen, MA 01032
Phone: (413) 268-7856
FAX: (413) 268-7322
General Store

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	11,326
Square Miles	17.7

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	663
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$15.80
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.80

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	385
1970	483
1980	651
1990	830

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.6%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.4%
Spanish Origin*	0.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.5	7.8
5 - 9	8.1	7.6
10 - 14	9.8	4.6
15 - 19	9.2	6.9
20 - 24	5.4	7.4
25 - 44	33.8	35.5
45 - 54	10.3	13.4
55 - 64	6.1	6.9
65 - 74	6.0	6.0
75 & Over	4.8	4.0

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	17.70
Total Road Miles (1987)	26.52

Land Use	Acres
Residential	543.7
Commercial	13.3
Industrial	44.3
Urban Open/Public	20.5
Outdoor Recreational	74.8
Tilled Land	224.9
Undeveloped Land	10,171.9
Water	226.5

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Town Park, DAR State Forest, Tilton Recreation Area.
GOLF COURSES: None
OTHER: Hampden County Riding Club, Camp Howe, Camp Holy Cross, Camp Jollee.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN GOSHEN 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	26	33.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	41	52.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	c	c %
Total Employment	78	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$13,654

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

19.23%	work in Goshen
80.77%	commute out of Goshen

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	13.3%
4 years High School	38.2%
Less than 4 years College	22.5%
4 or more years College	26.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary K-6; Member Hampshire Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,234

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 96,000
1992	\$127,000
1993	\$129,000
1994	\$109,500
1995	\$107,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	390	3.1%
1985	361	1.4%
1986	377	1.3%
1987	415	1.7%
1988	425	1.9%
1989	455	3.1%
1990	451	6.2%
1991	395	6.6%
1992	491	5.3%
1993	584	3.9%
1994	610	4.3%
1995	583	2.4%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	9.1%
\$10,000 - 14,999	3.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	16.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	11.4%
\$35,000 - 49,999	30.3%
\$50,000 - 74,999	19.2%
\$75,000 or more	10.1%

1990 Median Household Income:
 \$39,554

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

GRANBY

Today, while Granby maintains much of its traditional rural character, it is gradually becoming a suburb of Chicopee and Holyoke, its population up 3% to 5,565 in 1990. Situated on generally level land with some forest and open land, the town's residential development has consisted mainly of single family homes (81%). There has been new apartment construction in recent years and along Route 202, numerous thriving commercial establishments have developed.

Founded in 1768, Granby was originally a part of neighboring South Hadley. The town was once a large agricultural community, with a substantial amount of

acreage in dairy farming. A large section of the Holyoke Mountain Range is in Granby and two renowned dinosaur museums display actual dinosaur tracks. In fact, a print discovered there in 1973 was identified as that of a Theropod (carnivorous) dinosaur, estimated to be 50 feet in length from head to tail. Professor Peter M. Galton of the University of Bridgewater determined it to be the first record in the world of a Theropod of such magnitude of the Triassic Age.

Other attractions include the historical Aldrich Mills and the Granby Congregational Church on the town's picturesque Town Common. Granby maintains a volunteer fire department, and relies on privately owned wells for its water supply.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, State St.
Granby, MA 01033
Phone: (413) 467-7177
FAX: (413) 467-2080

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	17,976
Square Miles	28.09

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	4,653
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$14.03
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.03

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	4,221
1970	5,473
1980	5,380
1990	5,565

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.8%
Black	0.3%
Other	0.9%
Spanish Origin*	1.2%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origins regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.5	6.5
5 - 9	7.3	6.9
10 - 14	9.8	7.1
15 - 19	10.8	6.7
20 - 24	8.1	6.0
25 - 44	29.3	35.0
45 - 54	11.5	11.0
55 - 64	9.0	10.0
65 - 74	5.3	7.0
75 & Over	2.6	3.7

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	28.09
Total Road Miles (1987)	55.15

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,747.7
Commercial	50.5
Industrial	131.2
Urban Open/Public	328.7
Outdoor Recreational	80.3
Tilled Land	2,604.0
Undeveloped Land	12,885.0
Water	147.5

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Aldrich Field, Batchelor Brook Area, Brown Ellison Park, DuFresnes Grove, Cooley Field.

GOLF COURSES: Gold Driving Range.

OTHER: Chicopee Sportsmen Club, Chicopee Rod and Gun Club, Fairview Fish and Game, Bellrose Boat House.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN GRANBY 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	218	32.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	19	2.8%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	59	8.8%
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	74	11.1%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	206	30.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	14	2.1%
Services	35	5.2%
Total Employment	668	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$22,386

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

14.10%	work in Granby
85.90%	commute out of Granby

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	19.5%
4 years High School	35.5%
Less than 4 years College	25.2%
4 or more years College	19.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational
Colleges: St. Hyacinth College

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,199

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$111,000
1992	\$115,000
1993	\$112,000
1994	\$116,000
1995	\$106,500

RESIDENTS IN THE WORK FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	2,970	5.5%
1985	2,726	4.7%
1986	2,712	4.4%
1987	2,809	2.8%
1988	2,813	3.3%
1989	2,921	3.5%
1990	2,939	5.7%
1991	2,897	8.8%
1992	2,974	8.5%
1993	3,189	6.8%
1994	3,158	6.3%
1995	3,208	4.9%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	5.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	11.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.1%
\$35,000 - 49,999	23.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	27.7%
\$75,000 or more	11.6%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$41,277

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 3.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

GRANVILLE

Granville is dominated by gently sloping and rugged hills that are a part of the eastern fringe of the Hoosac Range, which originates in southern Vermont. This mainly rural community has only a small percentage of its land area developed, yet the relatively level acreage upon the hilltops has attracted a growing population up 17% to 1,403 in 1990. The settlement occurred within the multiple village centers of Granville Center, Granville Village and West Granville.

There are five apple orchards in Granville and blueberries are also commercially grown. Produce is marketed in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York state. Local industry is lead most notably

by the Noble and Cooley Company Drum Factory, which once made drums for Union regiments during the Civil War.

An attraction for visitors is the Granville Country Store, which was established in 1851 and has become internationally known for its own variety of cheddar cheese. The store produces 200,000 lbs. of cheese each year which is shipped worldwide.

The Granville State Forest provides recreation for hunters and campers. Linked via Route 57, its main access to neighboring communities, Granville is bordered on the south by the State of Connecticut.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main Rd.
Granville, MA 01034
Phone: (413) 357-8585
FAX: (413) 357-6002

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	27,656
Square Miles	43.21

1996 Vehicle Registration 1,225
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$14.70
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.70

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	874
1970	1,008
1980	1,204
1990	1,403

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.4%
Black	0.3%
Other	0.3%
Spanish Origin*	0.2%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	8.6	8.1
5 - 9	9.2	8.1
10 - 14	8.1	7.4
15 - 19	7.8	7.7
20 - 24	4.8	3.5
25 - 44	32.8	35.9
45 - 54	11.0	11.4
55 - 64	8.1	9.0
65 - 74	4.3	5.0
75 & Over	5.2	4.0

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	43.21
Total Road Miles (1987)	64.69

Land Use	Acres
Residential	621.1
Commercial	16.0
Industrial	36.8
Urban Open/Public	51.9
Outdoor Recreational	37.1
Tilled Land	1,060.5
Undeveloped Land	25,338.6
Water	490.0

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Granville State Forest, Granville Reservoir, Granville Town Forest.

GOLF COURSES: NONE

OTHER: Barber Memorial Camp, Hartford Water Works.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN GRANVILLE 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	7	2.9%
Manufacturing	59	24.8%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9	3.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	104	43.7%
Total Employment	238	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$24,747

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

21.88%	work in Granville
78.12%	commute out of Granville

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	15.3%
4 years High School	34.2%
Less than 4 years College	23.7%
4 or more years College	26.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary, Member of Regional HighSchool

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$5,170

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$110,000
1992	\$134,900
1993	\$121,000
1994	\$130,000
1995	\$139,000

RESIDENTS ON THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	687	7.3%
1985	621	3.2%
1986	645	2.8%
1987	687	3.3%
1988	705	3.0%
1989	766	3.1%
1990	743	4.2%
1991	676	8.1%
1992	743	6.9%
1993	940	6.5%
1994	972	6.0%
1995	956	5.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	5.6%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	14.2%
\$25,000 - 34,999	13.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	26.4%
\$50,000 - 74,999	23.3%
\$75,000 or more	11.6%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$41,591

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.4%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

HADLEY

Hadley is a growing residential community with a strong agricultural base. This scenic community is bordered on the west by the Connecticut River and on the south by the Mt. Holyoke Range. One of the oldest settlements in the Commonwealth, Hadley was founded by English colonists in 1659 and grew into an active farming and trading center and today has the most acreage of farmland of any Pioneer Valley town.

Hadley has two village centers, North Hadley, a picturesque New England settlement, and Hadley Center, with notable historic homes. The Porter Phelps-Huntington House Museum built in 1752, hosts folk music concerts and storytelling. Hadley became the birthplace of broom-making in

1797 and an important cultivator of broom corn thereafter. The Hadley Farm Museum houses a large collection of early New England farm machinery which illustrates the area's early way of life.

The town center, with its old stately colonial homes clustered around the large village green, is a contrast to the commercial strip along Route 9, connecting the college towns of Northampton and Amherst. Hadley's population is up 3% to 4,231 in 1990. A 70 acre industrial park is expected to foster a link between technology and research and development firms and the University of Massachusetts. The Joseph Skinner State Park, on the Mt. Holyoke Range, boasts a spectacular view from its 930-foot summit. The Summit House, recently renovated, was built originally in 1851.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 52 Middle St.
Hadley, MA 01035
Phone: (413) 586-0221
FAX: (413) 586-5661

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acreage	15,841
Square Miles	24.75

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	3,622
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$12.56
Commercial/Industrial	\$12.56

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	3,099
1970	3,750
1980	4,125
1990	4,231

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	97.6%
Black	0.4%
Other	2.0%
Spanish Origin*	0.6%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.9	5.1
5 - 9	6.1	5.9
10 - 14	6.8	4.3
15 - 19	7.0	5.1
20 - 24	9.9	8.4
25 - 44	30.1	33.6
45 - 54	9.6	10.1
55 - 64	13.4	9.2
65 - 74	7.7	11.3
75 & Over	4.5	6.9

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	24.75
Total Road Miles (1990)	72.00

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,286.4
Commercial	225.2
Industrial	70.8
Urban Open/Public	209.8
Outdoor Recreational	226.3
Tilled Land	7,104.6
Undeveloped Land	5,759.4
Water	883.9

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Skinner State Park,
West Street Common.
GOLF COURSES: Quonset Golf
Driving Range.
BIKEWAY: Norwottuck Rail
Trail
OTHER: Hadley Boat Launch,
Pauls Marina, Mitch's Marina,
Sportsman Marina, Porter-
Phelps-Huntington Museum,
Farm Museum.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEa MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN HADLEY 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	454	13.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	150	4.4%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	121	3.5%
Manufacturing	44	1.3%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	60	1.7%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,748	50.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	285	8.3%
Services	580	16.8%
Total Employment	3,442	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$16,578

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

28.15%	work in Hadley
71.85%	commute out of Hadley

EDUCATION

**1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older ***

Less than 12 years	15.2%
4 years High School	28.1%
Less than 4 years College	22.2%
4 or more years College	34.5%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Member of Regional Vocational
High School

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$5,074

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$118,000
1992	\$120,000
1993	\$128,000
1994	\$130,000
1995	\$125,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	2,838	2.7%
1985	2,838	2.0%
1986	2,779	1.9%
1987	2,942	4.1%
1988	3,049	3.9%
1989	2,990	2.5%
1990	3,116	4.3%
1991	3,049	7.1%
1992	2,733	6.8%
1993	2,294	4.2%
1994	2,296	4.7%
1995	2,301	3.3%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	9.6%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.1%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	24.1%
\$75,000 or more	11.4%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$36,864

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 8.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

HAMPDEN

Although located only 10 miles east of Springfield and 30 miles northeast of Hartford, this small town maintains its scenic, rural landscape. Consisting of fields, forests and hills, it is not well suited for intense development. It also has no public water or sewer system. These factors, in addition to a lack of direct access to major highways, has limited Hampden's commercial and industrial development. The community, characterized primarily by single family homes, has a population of 4,709 a 1% decrease since 1980. The Town offers a community grocery mart, convenience stores and small commercial operations in a newly developed industrial area.

Historically, the Town was once a small textile manufacturing center.

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However, Hampden transitioned into a residential community with the construction of summer homes. A former cider mill and stagecoach stop are reminders of the Town's early commercial roots.

Hampden is home to the Laughing Brook Education Center & Wildlife Sanctuary, a Massachusetts Audubon Society managed environmental education center. Located in the former home of Thornton Burgess, author of children's nature stories, Laughing Brook has 259 acres of fields and woodlands with hiking trails. Native animals on exhibit, a touch-and-see trail for the blind, a picnic pavilion, an Environmental Center with nature exhibits, an environmental resource library and an art gallery are also features of one of Hampden's most valuable resources.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 625 Main St.
Hampden, MA 01036
Phone: (413) 566-2151
FAX: (413) 566-2010

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	12,569
Square Miles	19.64
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	3,828
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.56
Commercial Property	\$16.56

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	2,345
1970	4,572
1980	4,745
1990	4,709

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.1%
Black	0.4%
Other	0.5%
Spanish Origin	0.5%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.5	5.5
5 - 9	7.3	7.3
10 - 14	10.9	6.7
15 - 19	11.5	6.9
20 - 24	5.8	6.3
25 - 44	31.3	31.4
45 - 54	11.5	14.5
55 - 64	7.5	9.7
65 - 74	5.2	5.9
75 & Over	3.5	5.8

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	19.64
Total Road Miles (1987)	48.92

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,768.4
Commercial	34.6
Industrial	22.4
Urban Open/Public	74.4
Outdoor Recreational	160.8
Tilled Land	530.2
Undeveloped Land	9,966.2
Water	12.0

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Hampden Memorial Park.
GOLF COURSES: Hampden Country Club.
OTHER: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Scenic Valley Horse Club, Laughing Brook Education & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN HAMPDEN 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	188	23.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	10	1.3%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	88	11.2%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	121	15.4%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	15	1.9%
Services	356	45.2%
Total Employment	787	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$21,684

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

9.85%	work in Hampden
90.15%	commute out of Hampden

EDUCATION

*1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older **

Less than 12 years	18.3%
4 years High School	27.4%
Less than 4 years College	29.2%
4 or more years College	25.1%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary
 High School: Wilbraham/
 Hampden Regional School
 District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$5,174

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$127,000
1992	\$139,000
1993	\$120,000
1994	\$126,000
1995	\$128,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	2,461	3.9%
1985	2,264	3.4%
1986	2,255	3.2%
1987	2,249	2.9%
1988	2,249	2.4%
1989	2,285	3.2%
1990	2,285	4.7%
1991	2,248	7.7%
1992	2,618	7.6%
1993	2,737	6.4%
1994	2,693	5.2%
1995	2,693	4.9%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	7.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	3.3%
\$15,000 - 24,999	8.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	11.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	25.3%
\$50,000 - 74,999	26.5%
\$75,000 or more	17.4%

1990 Median Household Income:
 \$46,638

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 3.2%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HATFIELD

Hatfield is a farming and residential community located 16 miles north of Springfield in the Connecticut River Valley. The Connecticut River wraps around Hatfield, forming its southern and eastern boundaries. Its wide flood plain made Hatfield a prime location for agriculture. Hatfield encompasses 10,750 acres, of which 45% is agricultural land. Topography ranges from level land along the Connecticut River in the east, becoming gradually more hilly toward the western border. Hatfield's population increased 5% to 3,184 in 1990. While the traditional large tobacco trade has been eliminated, active farms produce crops of potatoes, cucumbers, corn, squash and strawberries. There are also two dairy farms.

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Interstate 91, which runs through the center of Hatfield has also attracted a number of industries here since its construction. Some of these industries include the manufacture of chemicals, wallpaper, furniture, pipe, and wood products. Hatfield is made up of three villages: Hatfield Center, North Hatfield and West Hatfield. Hatfield Center has a broad tree-shaded thoroughfare lined by beautiful colonial homes. North Hatfield is a small residential area surrounded by agricultural land. West Hatfield contains woods and hills, as well as the major highways and industries in town.

The town's high school, Smith Academy, was founded by local resident Sophia Smith in the late 1800's, who was responsible as well for founding Smith College in Northampton.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 59 Main St.
Hatfield, MA 01038
Phone: (413) 247-9200
FAX: (413) 247-5024

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	10,750
Square Miles	16.8

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	2,845
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$11.37
Commercial/Industrial	\$11.37

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	2,350
1970	2,825
1980	3,045
1990	3,184

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.0%
Black	0.2%
Other	0.8%
Spanish Origin*	0.8%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.8	5.2
5 - 9	6.1	6.4
10 - 14	7.9	5.4
15 - 19	8.1	6.1
20 - 24	6.8	5.2
25 - 44	30.4	35.1
45 - 54	10.4	11.9
55 - 64	13.0	8.9
65 - 74	7.8	10.4
75 & Over	4.7	5.6

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	16.80
Total Road Miles (1987)	50.65

Land Use	Acres
Residential	860.2
Commercial	43.3
Industrial	98.7
Urban Open/Public	58.4
Outdoor Recreational	29.5
Tilled Land	3,813.2
Undeveloped Land	5,196.2
Water	479.5

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Hatfield Town Watershed, Northampton Water Department.

GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: NONE

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN HATFIELD 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	98	4.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	79	3.3%
Manufacturing	122	5.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	256	10.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,378	57.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	448	18.5%
Total Employment	2,418	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$26,134

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

20.74%	work in Hatfield
79.26%	commute out of Hatfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	15.3%
4 years High School	29.2%
Less than 4 years College	25.3%
4 or more years College	30.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational High School

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,399

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$140,000
1992	\$127,000
1993	\$115,000
1994	\$117,000
1995	\$110,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	2,020	4.8%
1985	2,010	3.6%
1986	1,965	3.4%
1987	2,145	5.4%
1988	2,217	4.9%
1989	2,158	3.4%
1990	2,262	5.7%
1991	2,189	7.4%
1992	2,051	8.6%
1993	1,749	6.4%
1994	1,738	6.2%
1995	1,655	4.0%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	9.4%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	16.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.0%
\$75,000 or more	12.9%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$38,864

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HOLLAND

Holland developed as a recreational community along the Hamilton Reservoir and Holland Pond. While the area continues to increase in population in the summer months, many residents converted summer homes for year round residency during the 1970's. This trend continues today with a 38% increase in population to 2,185 in 1990.

Originally part of Brimfield, Holland was established in 1783. The town was named after Charles James Fox, later known as British Lord Holland, a vigorous defender of the rights of the American colonists. Early settlement brought textile, saw and grist mills on the Quinnebaug River, and later a tannery. Today there is no longer

any manufacturing in Holland and most of its residents commute to work in neighboring communities. An exit off of Interstate 84, between Hartford and Worcester, offers easy access to the Town for potential commercial and residential development.

Bordered on the south by the State of Connecticut, Holland is settled in a valley between two ranges of hills running north and south. Tourism and seasonal attractions are still a boost to the economy. A landmark in town is the privately owned, two-storey windmill, the Town's only remote association with the Netherlands.

The Holland Activities Committee sponsors the town's annual Old Home Day and Fireworks Festival held in July.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, RFD #2 BOX 170
Holland, MA 01521
Phone: (413) 245-7108
FAX: (413) 245-7037

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	8,356
Square Miles	13.06

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,641
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$15.94
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.94

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	561
1970	931
1980	1,589
1990	2,185

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.8%
Black	0.3%
Other	0.9%
Spanish Origin*	1.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	9.3	9.2
5 - 9	8.6	8.0
10 - 14	9.6	8.4
15 - 19	7.6	6.0
20 - 24	5.5	4.5
25 - 44	32.4	39.2
45 - 54	9.1	9.3
55 - 64	8.9	7.0
65 - 74	5.8	5.3
75 & Over	3.3	3.1

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	13.06
Total Road Miles (1987)	35.95

Land Use	Acres
Residential	779.7
Commercial	14.1
Industrial	34.2
Urban Open/Public	25.7
Outdoor Recreational	20.8
Tilled Land	218.4
Undeveloped Land	6,781.4
Water	479.5

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: East Brim Reservoir,
Hamilton Reservoir.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Holland Pond.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN HOLLAND 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	19	17.1%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	c	c %
Services	14	12.6%
Total Employment	111	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$17,176

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

7.83%	work in Holland
92.17%	commute out of Holland

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	20.9%
4 years High School	31.7%
Less than 4 years College	28.1%
4 or more years College	19.3%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary:
Member of Tantasqua Regional
High School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,055

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 97,500
1992	\$100,000
1993	\$ 90,000
1994	\$108,000
1995	\$ 94,500

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	763	5.1%
1985	720	3.6%
1986	742	4.2%
1987	800	2.3%
1988	725	2.2%
1989	879	3.2%
1990	895	5.7%
1991	896	9.3%
1992	870	9.1%
1993	1,047	7.9%
1994	1,076	8.5%
1995	1,062	5.3%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	8.1%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	18.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	26.2%
\$50,000 - 74,999	19.5%
\$75,000 or more	8.0%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$36,941

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

HOLYOKE

With a significant concentration of 19th and early 20th century structures along downtown streets, ringed with a canal system whose water wheels are still used to generate electricity, Holyoke is never far from its foundation as one of the first planned industrial communities in the United States.

Holyoke was known as The Paper City of the World in its industrial heyday. In the 19th century, The Boston Associates, a group of wealthy merchants constructed an elaborate complex of mills, worker housing, dams and canals. While many of the mills and turn-of-the-century industries are now gone, the City remains an industrial center and part of the Greater Springfield urban area. Holyoke is host to a number of cultural, recreational, and educational facilities including the Mt. Tom State Reservation and Ski Area, with its 30 miles of downhill ski trails, a lookout tower and wildlife sanctuary and the 4,000

foot alpine slide, water slides and wave pool. Holyoke's Ingleside interchange off Interstate 91 has become a center of new commercial development and is home to the region's largest shopping mall. The city also draws visitors to its renowned children's museum located adjacent to a Heritage State Park. The city-owned Wistariahurst Museum was the former home of William Skinner, founder of the Skinner Silk Mills.

Holyoke is the birthplace of volleyball and home to the Volleyball Hall of Fame. The city has a range of housing from urban apartment complexes along the Connecticut River and Canal System to single family homes in the upland area. It boasts the 3rd largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the nation. Holyoke Community College, a two-year liberal arts and career college enrolls approximately 3,000 day and 2,800 continuing education students per year.

Type of government: Mayor, Aldermanic Board

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Peter Pan Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Geriatric Authority of Holyoke, Council on Aging, Srs. of St. Joseph/Mount Marie Infirmary

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Hall
Holyoke, MA 01040
Phone: (413) 534-2170
FAX: (413) 533-2172

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	14,586
Square Miles	22.79

1996 Vehicle Registration 21,322
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates
Residential \$17.55
Commercial/Industrial \$32.66

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	52,689
1970	50,112
1980	44,678
1990	43,704

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	73.1%
Black	3.6%
Other	23.3%
Spanish Origin*	31.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.1	9.4
5 - 9	6.9	8.3
10 - 14	8.1	7.3
15 - 19	9.0	6.8
20 - 24	8.6	7.7
25 - 44	21.8	27.5
45 - 54	9.7	8.3
55 - 64	11.2	7.9
65 - 74	9.3	8.5
75 & Over	8.4	8.3

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	22.79
Total Road Miles (1987)	132.89

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,812.9
Commercial	455.6
Industrial	566.6
Urban Open/Public	660.8
Outdoor Recreational	452.1
Tilled Land	209.3
Undeveloped Open Space	7,849.3
Water	1,090.6

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Heritage State Park, neighborhood playgrounds

GOLF COURSES: Holyoke Country Club, Wyckoff Country Club.

OTHER: Holyoke Canoe Club, Dinosaur Footprints, Fitzpatrick Skating Rink, Mt. Tom Ski Area, Holyoke Children's Museum, Wistariahurst Museum.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN HOLYOKE 1995*

	Number	Percent of City Total
Government	3,108	14.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	60	0.3%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	542	2.5%
Manufacturing	4,126	18.9%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	606	2.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	6,090	27.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	761	3.5%
Services	6,477	29.8%
Total Employment	21,770	100%

Average Annual Wage \$24,867

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

55.56% work in Holyoke
44.44% commute out of Holyoke

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	32.0%
4 years High School	31.7%
Less than 4 years College	21.1%
4 or more years College	15.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Dean Vocational High School
Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,658

Colleges: Holyoke Community College

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$103,500
1992	\$ 93,500
1993	\$ 90,000
1994	\$ 91,000
1995	\$ 88,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	20,518	6.3%
1985	18,809	5.5%
1986	18,706	5.2%
1987	17,789	4.3%
1988	17,895	4.5%
1989	17,523	5.4%
1990	17,697	7.8%
1991	17,584	11.6%
1992	16,873	10.6%
1993	16,721	9.4%
1994	16,521	8.7%
1995	15,815	8.7%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME*

0 - \$9,999	26.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	10.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	13.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	16.4%
\$50,000 - 74,999	12.6%
\$75,000 or more	5.6%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$22,858

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 25.7%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HUNTINGTON

With the largest population among the southern Massachusetts hilltowns, Huntington is also that area's regional center.

Huntington's development is mainly residential, with very limited farming and industry. However, the town hosts the most developed commercial center in the area, including several restaurants and small markets. The Huntington Health Center provides the only medical service in the Southern Hilltowns.

Huntington was originally incorporated as the Town of Norwich in 1775 and was the first community in Hampshire County to have service from the newly constructed

railroad. The railroad brought a boom of manufacturing in sleds, woolens, baskets, paper and tools, but Huntington was quickly overshadowed by industry growth in surrounding towns.

Today the population stands at 1,987, a 10% increase since 1980. Although there is no industry in Huntington, the Knightville and Littleville Dams on the pristine Westfield River provide excellent hiking and cross country skiing areas. In addition, there are public beaches on Lake Norwich and Littleville Lake. Huntington belongs to the Gateway Regional School System and is accessible by Routes 20 and 112.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, PO BOX 430
Huntington, MA 01050
Phone: (413) 667-3500
FAX: (413) 667-3507

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	17,137
Square Miles	26.78
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,551
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.65
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.65

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	1,392
1970	1,593
1980	1,804
1990	1,987

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.2%
Black	0.1%
Other	0.7%
Spanish Origin*	1.6%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
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5 - 9	8.8	9.1
10 - 14	9.9	7.3
15 - 19	10.3	7.5
20 - 24	7.8	5.2
25 - 44	30.9	34.7
45 - 54	8.1	11.2
55 - 64	8.3	6.2
65 - 74	5.4	7.2
75 & Over	3.3	3.7

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	26.78
Total Road Miles (1987)	38.65

Land Use	Acres
Residential	751.6
Commercial	36.9
Industrial	47.3
Urban Open/Public	142.3
Outdoor Recreational	31.9
Tilled Land	283.2
Undeveloped Land	15,516.9
Water	309.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Canada Hill Wildlife Management, Norwich Lake Farm, Littleville Flood Conservation Area, Norwich Lake Public Beach, Gardner State Park, Knightville Reservoir.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Camp Lakeside, Camp Norwich, Camp Kinnebrook, Camp Sandy Brook.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN HUNTINGTON 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	289	78.7%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	3	0.8%
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	24	6.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	23	6.2%
Total Employment	367	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$22,949

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**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

16.75%	work in Huntington
83.25%	work outside of Huntington

EDUCATION

*1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older **

Less than 12 years	21.9%
4 years High School	38.4%
Less than 4 years College	24.5%
4 or more years College	15.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary and Host of Middle and High Schools for the Gateway Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,817

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 90,000
1992	\$ 95,000
1993	\$ 87,000
1994	\$ 91,000
1995	\$103,500

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	928	6.4%
1985	851	5.5%
1986	846	5.2%
1987	919	4.7%
1988	903	3.3%
1989	952	5.0%
1990	962	7.7%
1991	957	11.6%
1992	1,016	11.2%
1993	1,082	8.4%
1994	1,074	8.1%
1995	1,086	7.5%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME***

0 - \$9,999	9.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	18.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.3%
\$35,000 - 49,999	25.5%
\$50,000 - 74,999	16.4%
\$75,000 or more	6.0%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$33,438

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 7.9%

*These figures also include the Town of Montgomery



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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LONGMEADOW

Once an agricultural community with fertile land along the Connecticut River, Longmeadow offered convenient access to Springfield and Hartford and thus developed as a classic suburban community. Longmeadow is characterized by its broad Town Green bordered by stately colonial homes built during the 18th and 19th Centuries. A large percentage of residents work in managerial and professional positions which accounts for Longmeadow having the highest median income in the region.

Suburban development began when the trolley network from Springfield reached the town in 1896. Longmeadow experienced rapid growth as Springfield's development pushed southward through the Forest Park area. Almost all residential construction has been of single-family homes, most of which were built after World War II. A commercial area

along Bliss Pond features specialty boutiques and general merchandise stores. The Town's population is down 5% in 1990 to 15,467.

Longmeadow's rich history is exemplified by the Simon Colton House, the Town Hall and the Storrs House. Long Meddowe Days, the annual town festival, includes a parade, arts and crafts exhibits, musical and dance performances, and the re-enactment of a Revolutionary brigade mustering on the Green.

There is an extensive system of parks in Longmeadow. The Fannie Stebbins Memorial Wildlife Refuge located along the Connecticut River consists of 320 acres. The Pioneer Valley Yacht Club offers sailing enthusiasts nearby recreation on the River as well. Bay Path College, a noted women's school provides Liberal Arts and professional training to approximately 550 students. The highly regarded Willie Ross School for the Deaf is also located in Longmeadow.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Hulmes Transportation Co.,

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 20 Williams St.
Longmeadow, MA 01106
Phone: (413) 567-5433
FAX: (413) 567-9751

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	6,126
Square Miles	9.57

1996 Vehicle Registration \$11,630
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$18.60
Commercial/Industrial	\$18.60

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	10,565
1970	15,630
1980	16,301
1990	15,467

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	96.5%
Black	0.8%
Other	2.7%
Spanish Origin*	0.7%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.1	5.3
5 - 9	7.3	6.8
10 - 14	10.1	7.3
15 - 19	12.1	8.6
20 - 24	4.4	5.0
25 - 44	25.9	25.9
45 - 54	13.4	14.7
55 - 64	11.0	11.2
65 - 74	6.3	8.5
75 & Over	4.4	6.8

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	9.57
Total Road Miles (1987)	79.68

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,970.3
Commercial	43.8
Industrial	10.3
Urban Open/Public	178.3
Outdoor Recreational	387.2
Tilled Land	301.9
Undeveloped Land	1,844.0
Water	300.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Greenwood Park, Laurel Park, Turner Park, Bliss Road Park, Longmeadow Town Park, Longmeadow Town Recreation Area.

GOLF COURSES: Twin Hills Country Club, Longmeadow Country Club.

OTHER: Pioneer Valley Yacht Club, Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge, John Thompson Pool.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
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Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN LONGMEADOW 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	725	25.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	47	1.6%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	744	26.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177	6.3%
Services	1,097	39.1%
Total Employment	2,802	100.0%
Average Annual Wage	\$21,740	

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

16.72%	work in Longmeadow
83.28%	commute out of Longmeadow

EDUCATION

*1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older **

Less than 12 years	6.0%
4 years High School	17.5%
Less than 4 years College	24.5%
4 or more years College	52.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$5,583

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$167,500
1992	\$172,500
1993	\$181,000
1994	\$162,000
1995	\$170,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	8,306	3.7%
1985	7,645	3.2%
1986	7,613	3.0%
1987	7,698	1.6%
1988	7,738	1.7%
1989	7,727	2.0%
1990	7,693	3.1%
1991	7,459	4.8%
1992	7,434	4.7%
1993	7,749	4.2%
1994	7,707	4.0%
1995	7,651	3.5%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	4.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	2.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	7.5%
\$25,000 - 34,999	10.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	12.2%
\$50,000 - 74,999	23.3%
\$75,000 or more	39.6%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$63,203

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 2.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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LUDLOW

With its close proximity to the cities of Chicopee and Springfield and access to the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 291, Ludlow is one of the region's communities which grew significantly between 1980 and 1990, with a total of 18,820 residents.

Settled in 1775, the town developed around the Ludlow Manufacturing Company located along the Chicopee River, which produced jute for twine for the U.S. Postal Service. Waves of immigrants moved in from Scotland, Ireland, Poland and Portugal to work in the mills, contributing to today's ethnic flavor of the Town. Ludlow's Our Lady of Fatima Festival is one of the Pioneer Valley's largest ethnic celebrations.

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Located among a series of small hills, the town has been transformed from a milltown to a bedroom suburb. Its established factory district, now a small outlet center, complements the industrial airpark at Westover, which Ludlow shares with the City of Chicopee. Growing residential neighborhoods are dominated by single and two-family homes, with almost one quarter of the housing units as rental properties.

Ludlow is home to a major medical care unit, Ludlow Hospital. Ludlow is also the site of a major capital investment for the construction of a new Hampden County Jail and associated public service improvements. Recreational opportunities are provided at Memorial Park, Memorial Field and a state pool which was the first indoor swimming pool in Western Massachusetts. There is a town beach at Haviland Pond.

Type of government:
Representative Town Meeting,
5 Selectmen.

TRANSIT SYSTEM:
Public Carriers Pioneer Valley
Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on
Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 488 Chapin St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
Phone: (413) 583-5600
FAX: (413) 583-5603

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	18,184
Square Miles	28.41

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	13,979
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.68
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.68

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	13,805
1970	17,580
1980	18,150
1990	18,820

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.9%
Black	0.2%
Other	.9%
Spanish Origin*	2.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.4	5.8
5 - 9	6.0	6.4
10 - 14	8.3	6.4
15 - 19	11.1	6.8
20 - 24	7.9	6.9
25 - 44	26.1	31.0
45 - 54	12.6	11.8
55 - 64	12.6	10.4
65 - 74	6.1	9.9
75 & Over	3.8	4.7

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	28.41
Total Road Miles (1987)	89.68

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,096.4
Commercial	105.5
Industrial	238.4
Urban Open/Public	716.2
Outdoor Recreational	405.7
Tilled Land	808.1
Undeveloped Land	11,733.6
Water	761.6

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Haviland Pond, Chicopee State Park, Ludlow State Park, numerous neighborhood parks.

GOLF COURSES: Chicopee Country Club, Ludlow Country Club, Westover Country Club.

OTHER: Ludlow Fish and Game, Oregon Sportsmen Club, Camp White.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts, Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN LUDLOW 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	1,450	28.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	17	0.3%
Mining	c	c %
Construction	470	9.2%
Manufacturing	1,029	20.2%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	86	1.7%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,131	22.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	122	2.3%
Services	785	15.4%
Total Employment	5,092	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$27,731

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

22.70%	work in Ludlow
77.30%	commute out of Ludlow

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	33.3%
4 years High School	37.0%
Less than 4 years College	17.9%
4 or more years College	11.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,421

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$112,500
1992	\$110,500
1993	\$110,000
1994	\$105,000
1995	\$111,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	10,684	4.1%
1985	9,827	3.5%
1986	9,784	3.3%
1987	10,353	3.7%
1988	10,366	3.5%
1989	10,694	4.5%
1990	10,712	6.2%
1991	10,591	9.6%
1992	10,200	9.8%
1993	10,758	8.9%
1994	10,674	8.6%
1995	10,606	6.5%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	13.0%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.7%
\$35,000 - 49,999	25.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.0%
\$75,000 or more	6.2%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$36,247

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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MIDDLEFIELD

Nestled in the Berkshire Hills, Middlefield has the highest elevation among the Hampshire County hilltowns at 1,650 feet. Facing west towards Pittsfield, Middlefield's plateau provides a view of 5 states. Though the Town only has a population of 392, it is a friendly, as well as active community. At one time, residents debated secession from Hampshire County to Berkshire County, in order to make Pittsfield, rather than Northampton the county seat.

Established in 1783, the manufacture of woollens and union broadcloth prospered here in the mid-nineteenth Century. Today, there

are remains of 19th Century soapstone quarries as well as a few cottage industries. Commercial agriculture, because of the prevalence of gravel and wetlands, remains impractical. A lone dairy farm and a llama farm continue their operations in town. Most of Middlefield's residents commute to General Electric in Pittsfield.

The Middlefield Agricultural Fair, which features horse and tractor pulls, are popular attractions. Glendale Falls, located in the southeast part of town is another favorite recreation spot.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Skyline Trail
Middlefield, MA 01243
Phone: (413) 623-8966
FAX: none

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	15,444
Square Miles	24.13

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	394
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.32
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.32

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	315
1970	288
1980	385
1990	392

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.2%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.8%
Spanish Origin*	0.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

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10 - 14	4.9	7.4
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20 - 24	6.5	3.8
25 - 44	32.7	34.2
45 - 54	9.1	13.5
55 - 64	9.1	9.7
65 - 74	6.5	5.4
75 & Over	5.5	5.4

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	24.13
Total Road Miles (1987)	37.22

Land Use	Acres
Residential	236.4
Commercial	1.8
Industrial	14.5
Urban Open/Public	15.8
Outdoor Recreational	0.0
Tilled Land	453.7
Undeveloped Land	14,705.9
Water	7.3

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Glendale Falls, Peru
State Forest, Middlefield Fair
Grounds, Middlefield Town
Forest, Middlefield State
Forest, Nature Conservatory.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: NONE

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN MIDDLEFIELD 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	0	0.0%
Total Employment	15	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$18,838

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

15.98%	work in Middlefield
84.02%	commute out of Middlefield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	12.6%
4 years High School	35.4%
Less than 4 years College	26.8%
4 or more years College	25.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Regional School System

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$4,816

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 72,000
1992	\$105,001
1993	\$ 73,000
1994	\$ 65,000
1995	\$ 77,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	216	19.0%
1985	181	8.8%
1986	187	8.0%
1987	185	2.7%
1988	193	4.1%
1989	207	5.3%
1990	198	5.1%
1991	185	10.8%
1992	205	8.8%
1993	244	5.7%
1994	252	4.8%
1995	256	3.1%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	9.6%
\$10,000 - 14,999	3.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	7.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	22.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	29.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.5%
\$75,000 or more	5.9%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$36,319

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 8.4%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

MONSON

Monson's rural, mountainous landscape, with its close proximity to Springfield, attracts a growing population to this largely bedroom community, up 6% in 1990 to 7,776.

Its distinctive Wilbraham Mountain Range was traditionally the scene of rocky hill farms. Granite quarries were the foundation of Monson's industry, together with textile mills which utilized the power of many streams. There were carding mills, cotton and woolen mills, a linseed oil factory, a tannery, as well as the making of straw hats and bonnets. Today, employers like Thermotech and the Zero Corporation are the Town's main employers.

The Town's rich industrial history spawned the construction of numerous historically significant buildings and churches, many of

which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Monson's Memorial Town Hall is a Romanesque Revival structure. The 1830's Greek Revival former Norcross mansion was once the home of the founders of Norcross Greeting Cards, one of whom, Emily Norcross Dickinson, was the mother of poet Emily Dickinson.

The downtown business district offers small shops and merchandise stores and Monson's rental housing is located near the Town center. Its residential neighborhoods are comprised predominantly of single-family homes and nearly 80% of the land remains woodland or open space. Monson continues to have active farms, primarily producing milk and vegetables. The Westview Farms Creamery offers farm-made ice cream and a panoramic view of the Town's rolling hills and valley. The town's public spirit is exemplified in its annual, all-volunteer July 4th Summer Fest.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 200 Main St.
Monson, MA 01057
Phone: (413) 267-4100
FAX: (413) 267-3726

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	28,614
Square Miles	44.71
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	5,924
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.07
Commercial/Industrial	\$15.07

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	6,712
1970	7,355
1980	7,315
1990	7,776

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.9%
Black	0.6%
Other	0.5%
Spanish Origin*	0.7%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.5	6.3
5 - 9	6.7	7.6
10 - 14	8.5	7.0
15 - 19	9.5	6.0
20 - 24	7.4	5.6
25 - 44	31.4	35.5
45 - 54	10.0	11.9
55 - 64	10.3	8.3
65 - 74	6.2	7.3
75 & Over	3.6	4.5

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	44.71
Total Road Miles (1987)	103.66

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,309.2
Commercial	51.4
Industrial	260.6
Urban Open/Public	215.4
Outdoor Recreational	163.4
Tilled Land	1,368.1
Undeveloped Land	24,066.6
Water	179.1

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Flynt Park, Brimfield State Forest, Cushman Field.

GOLF COURSES: Quaboag Country Club.

OTHER: Springfield Sportsmen's Club, Quaboag Riders Inc., Partridge Hollow Camp Ground, Down Range Shooting Center, Monson Health & Fitness Center.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN MONSON 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	270	25.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	19	1.8%
Mining	c	c%
Construction	85	7.9%
Manufacturing	274	25.6%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	81	7.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	199	18.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	42	3.9%
Services	100	9.4%
Total Employment	1,070	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$24,253

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

27.74%	work in Monson
72.26%	commute out of Monson

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	26.4%
4 years High School	33.2%
Less than 4 years College	22.4%
4 or more years College	18.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Member of Pathfinder Vocational Regional School

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,124

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$106,521
1992	\$115,750
1993	\$106,000
1994	\$108,500
1995	\$122,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	3,696	4.8%
1985	3,397	4.1%
1986	3,567	2.5%
1987	3,567	2.5%
1988	3,605	3.1%
1989	3,766	3.4%
1990	3,798	5.7%
1991	3,721	8.3%
1992	3,657	8.6%
1993	3,966	8.6%
1994	3,898	7.4%
1995	3,919	6.4%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	8.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	18.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	23.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	18.3%
\$75,000 or more	10.0%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$39,958

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 5.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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MONTGOMERY

Spectacular autumn foliage is a traditional attraction in this town of mountaintops. The terrain is very hilly with elevations to 1,400 feet. New development is limited by the topography and wetlands.

Though the 1990 population has risen 19% to 759 in 1990, there were once more than twice as many residents as today. Incorporated in 1780, Montgomery was founded in yeoman agriculture but developed into a small, bustling milltown. There are remnants of the Old Falley Armory, where rifles were made during the Revolutionary War at the foot of Mt. Tekoa. The population has fallen steadily in the past century, and new development is primarily single family homes for residents who commute out of town for

professional positions. Montgomery offers close proximity to the industrial and commercial areas of Westfield to its immediate south and Northampton to the northeast.

There are numerous historical attractions in Town. Along with the Town House in the Center, built in 1849, and the Community Church, built in 1848, there are 31 other historical buildings, bridges and cemeteries in town. There is an ancient Indian Cemetery in Montgomery. The one-room library serves as a meeting place and the Historical Society holds an annual Pancake Supper and Sugar Eat.

Today the town remains predominantly agricultural and residential, with nearly half of its land undeveloped. Montgomery is a member of the Gateway Regional Public School System.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main Rd.
Montgomery, MA 01085
Phone: (413) 862-3204
FAX: (413) 862-3386
(call first)*

*New Fax # as of October 26th

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	9,650
Square Miles	15.08

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	623
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.25
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.25

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	333
1970	446
1980	637
1990	759

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.3%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.7%
Spanish Origin*	0.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	8.2	6.2
5 - 9	11.5	6.1
10 - 14	9.4	9.1
15 - 19	8.8	7.6
20 - 24	3.8	5.1
25 - 44	34.4	31.8
45 - 54	9.3	15.0
55 - 64	7.7	8.3
65 - 74	3.9	7.3
75 & Over	3.1	3.6

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	15.08
Total Road Miles (1987)	30.64

Land Use	Acres
Residential	362.6
Commercial	1.7
Industrial	11.0
Urban Open/Public	5.6
Outdoor Recreational	0.0
Tilled Land	230.8
Undeveloped Land	8,962.3
Water	73.9

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: NONE
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: NONE

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN MONTGOMERY 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	c	c%
Total Employment	67	

Average Annual Wage \$16,312

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

5.80%	work in Montgomery
94.20%	commute out of Montgomery

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	10.6%
4 years High School	33.3%
Less than 4 years College	29.0%
4 or more years College	27.1%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of Regional School System

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991: \$4,815

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$100,000
1992	\$ 90,000
1993	\$134,000
1994	\$130,000
1995	\$143,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	306	2.9%
1985	282	2.5%
1986	282	2.5%
1987	305	1.0%
1988	306	1.0%
1989	319	2.2%
1990	315	2.2%
1991	315	7.0%
1992	402	4.7%
1993	420	3.1%
1994	425	4.7%
1995	448	4.0%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	2.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	1.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	10.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	21.4%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.0%
\$50,000 - 74,999	31.0%
\$75,000 or more	12.4%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$46,818

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 1.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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NORTHAMPTON

This vibrant New England city, with a population of 29,289, combines a rich, historic tradition with a modern, cosmopolitan flavor. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Downtown offers boutiques, galleries and restaurants in buildings of architectural distinction.

Settled in 1654, Northampton was the site of Jonathan Edwards' Church, where 18th century "fire and brimstone" puritanism brought about the Great Awakening. The community has enjoyed a rich cultural and educational history as well. The Baroque Academy of Music, constructed in 1890, was the venue for such great performers as Pavlova, Sarah Bernhardt and Houdini. In 1871, the very first women's college in New England was established. Today,

Smith College remains the largest liberal arts college for women in the country. Calvin Coolidge, who was to become President of the United States from 1923-1929, practiced law and served as Mayor of the City from 1910-1911.

Northampton maintains an attractive mix of industry, retail, service, education and quality of life which has contributed to its becoming a popular place to live and work. The City's major employers include Smith College, the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, the Veterans Medical Center and the Kollmorgan Corporation, manufacturers of optical instruments and lenses. The Daily Hampshire Gazette, a newspaper with a circulation of 21,000 is also located in Northampton.

Type of government: Mayor,
9 City Councilors

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley
Transit Authority

Private Carriers Peter Bank Bus
Lines and Vermont Transit Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Council on
Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Hall, 210 Main St.
Northampton, MA 01060
Phone: (413) 586-6950
FAX: (413) 586-3726

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	22,840
Square Miles	35.69
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	19,117
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.57
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.57

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	30,058
1970	29,664
1980	29,286
1990	29,289

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	93.0%
Black	1.8%
Other	5.2%
Spanish Origin*	4.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.3	4.8
5 - 11	5.3	5.0
12 - 17	6.2	4.6
18 - 24	10.5	8.3
25 - 34	13.4	12.2
35 - 44	27.6	34.6
45 - 54	8.7	8.7
55 - 64	9.9	7.3
65 - 74	7.7	7.5
75 & Over	6.3	7.1

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	35.69
Total Road Miles (1987)	133.38

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,414.0
Commercial	384.8
Industrial	507.1
Urban Open/Public	639.3
Outdoor Recreational	423.0
Tilled Land	3,191.6
Undeveloped Land	13,068.3
Water	839.4

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Bridge Street Park, Childs Park, Look Park, Sheldon Field, Clear Falls, Fitzgerald Lake, Roberts Hill, Rainbow Beach, Pynchon Meadow, Agnes Fox Street Playground, Veteran's Field, Arcanum Field, Maine's Field, Elwell's Island, Shepherd's Island, Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary.

GOLF COURSES: Mal's Driving Range, Northampton Country Club, Pine Grove Golf Course.

OTHER: YMCA, Mt. Tom Boat Launch, Oxbow Marina.

BIKEWAY: Norwottuck Rail Trail

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN NORTHAMPTON 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	3,686	20.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	75	0.4%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	265	1.4%
Manufacturing	1,639	9.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	280	1.5%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4,337	23.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	449	2.5%
Services	7,507	41.2%
Total Employment	18,238	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$24,146

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

61.37%	work in Northampton
38.63%	commute out of Northampton

EDUCATION

*1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older **

Less than 12 years	18.1%
4 years High School	24.0%
Less than 4 years College	25.0%
4 or more years College	32.9%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Member and Host of Smith
Regional Vocational High School
Colleges: Smith College

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$5,625

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$121,700
1992	\$118,000
1993	\$122,500
1994	\$119,000
1995	\$125,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	15,918	4.4%
1985	14,635	3.8%
1986	14,569	3.5%
1987	14,202	2.2%
1988	14,198	2.5%
1989	14,173	3.2%
1990	14,187	4.9%
1991	13,911	7.5%
1992	15,598	7.0%
1993	15,782	5.0%
1994	15,641	4.5%
1995	15,399	3.8%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	16.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.4%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.9%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.8%
\$50,000 - 74,999	16.0%
\$75,000 or more	7.8%

**1990 Median Household
Income:** \$31,097

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 11.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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PALMER

Today, Palmer is a manufacturing and trade center, with a growing residential community. Its population continued to increase in 1990 to 12,054, a 6% gain. Palmer was traditionally a confederacy of four villages. Each village, Thorndike, Bondsville, Three Rivers, and Palmer Center, has its own Main Street, school, park, commercial-industrial base, neighborhood atmosphere and ethnic mix. Four rivers flow through the town of Palmer, and it was here that the colonial "Elbows Plantation," was settled, so named because the rivers shaped the town in the form of an elbow.

During the 1700's the town was known as Kingston or Kingsfield after its first settler, John King. Palmer was formally established in 1775. Industries of the early 1800's began to utilize the Quaboag and Swift Rivers, where the manufacture of soap, hats, cotton, woolen and iron goods took

place. A stately railroad station designed by the nationally known architect H.H. Richardson is found in the central business district.

The Palmer Industrial Park continues the town's industrial heritage and a new intermodal freight facility offering full customs clearance has helped to establish Palmer as a key cargo distribution center. Palmer also has a Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange, making the town attractive to residential as well as commercial development. Major employers in Palmer include Tambrands, Inc., Diamond Fiber Products, makers of fiberboard egg cartons, and the Monson Development Center. In 1980, nearly half of the Town's residents worked in Palmer. Wing Memorial Hospital is located in town as well. Residential housing consists mainly of single family homes with small apartment buildings and two-family homes located near the centers of each of the villages. Well over half the land area in Palmer is undeveloped.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers Peter Pan Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall
Palmer, MA 01069
Phone: (413) 283-2608
FAX: (413) 289-1422

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,946
Square Miles	32.73

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	9,057
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.31
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.31

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	10,358
1970	11,680
1980	11,389
1990	12,054

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.4%
Black	0.7%
Other	0.9%
Spanish Origin*	0.6%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.8	6.7
5 - 9	6.3	7.1
10 - 14	7.8	5.9
15 - 19	9.0	6.0
20 - 24	8.5	7.0
25 - 44	24.9	32.6
45 - 54	11.1	9.3
55 - 64	12.6	9.0
65 - 74	8.5	9.9
75 & Over	5.6	6.6

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	32.73
Total Road Miles (1987)	87.01

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,413.8
Commercial	119.8
Industrial	505.7
Urban Open/Public	194.9
Outdoor Recreational	114.4
Tilled Land	1,133.1
Undeveloped Land	15,683.5
Water	469.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Legion Field, Forest Lake Park, Eager Field, Crystal Park, Burleigh Park.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Polish All Summer Camp.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts, Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
 CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN PALMER 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	1,729	28.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	85	1.4%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	81	1.3%
Manufacturing	1,750	28.4%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	263	4.3%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,123	18.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	137	2.2%
Services	997	16.2%
Total Employment	6,165	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$25,915

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

40.88%	work in Palmer
59.12%	commute out of Palmer

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	27.2%
4 years High School	40.2%
Less than 4 years College	20.0%
4 or more years College	12.63%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12;
 Member and host of Pathfinder
 Regional Vocational High School

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,073

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$110,000
1992	\$105,000
1993	\$103,900
1994	\$105,000
1995	\$ 99,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	6,372	3.4%
1985	5,867	2.9%
1986	5,844	2.8%
1987	6,207	3.2%
1988	6,234	3.2%
1989	6,419	3.5%
1990	6,458	5.7%
1991	6,377	8.9%
1992	5,889	9.0%
1993	6,227	8.7%
1994	6,189	8.5%
1995	5,980	6.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	13.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	16.8%
\$25,000 - 34,999	19.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	24.4%
\$50,000 - 74,999	13.0%
\$75,000 or more	5.8%

1990 Median Household Income:
 \$31,159

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 6.9%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

PELHAM

Characterized by rural landscapes and a strong sense of community, Pelham has become an increasingly popular place to live. With a 23% increase in population to 1,373 in 1990, 100 new homes were built in the last 10 years alone, a significant number for such a small town.

Settled in 1739 by Scottish Immigrants, Pelham was incorporated as a town in 1743. Its most famous citizen was Daniel Shays, who led a year-long rebellion against high taxes imposed by the government. Planned in the local meeting place, Conkey's Tavern, this rebellion of 1786 is credited with bringing about the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia in 1787. Pelham's Old Meeting House, built in 1743, is the oldest town hall in

the nation and is still the site of the annual Town Meeting, often referred to as the purest form of democracy practiced widely in New England communities.

Almost one-third of Pelham's original land area is now part of the Quabbin Reservoir, which was constructed in the 1930's. Daniel Shays Highway, now part of Route 202, was built as part of the reservoir project. Industry is comprised of a small manufacturing facility and several poultry farms. The Pelham School System is the Town's largest employer.

A tradition of pride and independence are exemplified even today. The Town Library currently houses 9,000 volumes and features a display on historic Pelham. The community has a volunteer fire department and part-time police force.

Type of government: Open Town

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Amherst Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 351 Amherst Rd.
Pelham, MA 01002
Phone: (413) 253-7129
FAX: (413) 256-1061

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	17,000
Square Miles	26.56

1996 Vehicle Registration 1,073
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates
Residential \$18.07
Commercial/Industrial \$18.07

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	805
1970	937
1980	1,112
1990	1,373

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	96.9%
Black	1.4%
Other	1.7%
Spanish Origin*	2.4%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.8	6.7
5 - 9	6.6	6.7
10 - 14	9.2	6.6
15 - 19	7.8	6.1
20 - 24	8.9	6.1
25 - 44	34.5	36.4
45 - 54	11.3	12.8
55 - 64	8.7	9.3
65 - 74	4.2	5.8
75 & Over	4.0	3.5

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	26.56
Total Road Miles (1987)	21.94

Land Use	Acres
Residential	569.0
Commercial	0.0
Industrial	0.0
Urban Open/Public	17.0
Outdoor Recreational	0.0
Tilled Land	92.9
Undeveloped Land	15,385.0
Water	936.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Quabbin Watershed.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Boiler Equipment Pool.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN PELHAM 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	66	57.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	25	21.9%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c %
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	c	c %
Total Employment	114	%100.0

Average Annual Wage \$18,644

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

5.92%	work in Pelham
94.08%	commute out of Pelham

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	10.3%
4 years High School	18.5%
Less than 4 years College	17.8%
4 or more years College	53.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary
and Member of Amherst Pelham
Regional High School District

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$5,806

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$140,000
1992	\$115,000
1993	\$165,750
1994	\$135,000
1995	\$143,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	733	3.8%
1985	732	2.9%
1986	715	2.7%
1987	912	3.2%
1988	946	3.0%
1989	1,017	2.2%
1990	1,052	3.1%
1991	1,013	4.4%
1992	943	5.1%
1993	789	2.9%
1994	799	2.8%
1995	812	2.5%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	4.1%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	7.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	13.4%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	27.5%
\$75,000 or more	20.5%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$49,050

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 3.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

PLAINFIELD

Located at the northwest tip of Hampshire County, amid the beauty of the Berkshire Mountains, Plainfield is home to 571 residents. Many newcomers are employed as craftsmen, artisans or have the capability to work out of home offices. The majority of the workforce commute out of town. The population has increased 34% since 1980 to 571 people.

Plainfield was settled around 1770 as a mill town until 1785, when it split from Cummington and became incorporated as its own community. Rugged, forested hills reaching altitudes of almost 1,700 feet are in contrast to active agri-

cultural activities such as a cattle ranch, a buffalo ranch, two dairy farms and a potato farm.

The majority of developed land is in agriculture, followed by residential uses. Of the 274 housing units in Plainfield, 242 are single family homes and 87% are owner-occupied. Children participate in a regional school district in Buckland.

Plainfield is home to a portion of the Hawley State Forest and the Swift River Farms, which was purchased recently for renovation by the creators of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Main St.
Plainfield, MA 01070
Phone: (413) 634-5420
FAX: (413) 634-5420
(Call first)

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	13,645
Square Miles	21.32

1996 Vehicle Registration	448
<i>(autos and light trucks)</i>	

1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$13.24
Commercial/Industrial	\$13.24

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	237
1970	287
1980	425
1990	571

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.8%
Black	0.2%
Other	0.0%
Spanish Origin*	1.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	9.2	6.7
5 - 9	8.2	8.1
10 - 14	9.2	7.4
15 - 19	7.5	6.8
20 - 24	5.4	4.2
25 - 44	32.9	32.8
45 - 54	7.5	14.7
55 - 64	8.9	8.8
65 - 74	7.8	7.7
75 & Over	3.3	3.0

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	21.32
Total Road Miles (1987)	47.78

Land Use	Acres
Residential	237.0
Commercial	8.7
Industrial	2.1
Urban Open/Public	11.9
Outdoor Recreational	30.2
Tilled Land	771.6
Undeveloped Land	12,448.3
Water	132.4

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Berkshire Green Acre,
Hawley State Forest.

GOLF COURSES: NONE

OTHER: Swift River Farms

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN PLAINFIELD 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c %
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	7	15.6%
Total Employment	45	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$17,388

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

29.45%	work in Plainfield
70.55%	commute out of Plainfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	16.2%
4 years High School	27.1%
Less than 4 years College	28.6%
4 or more years College	28.1%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Hampshire Regional School
District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,323

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 87,500
1992	\$ 79,900
1993	\$ 57,500
1994	\$120,000
1995	\$ 99,900

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	232	14.7%
1985	201	7.0%
1986	207	5.8%
1987	212	6.1%
1988	218	6.4%
1989	228	6.6%
1990	230	10.9%
1991	216	17.6%
1992	301	12.0%
1993	338	7.1%
1994	351	6.8%
1995	344	5.5%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	11.1%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.3%
\$15,000 - 24,999	20.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	23.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	16.1%
\$50,000 - 74,999	13.4%
\$75,000 or more	7.8%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$30,673

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 9.2%

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

RUSSELL

Very rugged terrain with steep inclines distinguishes Russell, where its rural landscape amid mountain ranges creates a pleasant balance for its population, up 2% to 1,594 in 1990. Russell is located between the City of Westfield and the rural hilltowns at the foot of the Berkshire Mountains.

The town of Russell was incorporated in 1792 in response to a petition of residents of "New Addition", a piece of land belonging to Westfield and valued because of its marble quarry and excellent building stone. The earliest settlers were located on Glasgow mountain, now known as Russell Mountain. The area around Russell Pond was developed using the ample water supply to power the mills. In 1838, the railroad began running through Russell and the town continued to grow with saw mills, brick and tile

works, a tannery, charcoal burning, and stores and taverns. The three distinct villages within Russell developed around the three paper mills built on the Westfield River.

Today, manufacturing remains the principal industry in town and still includes three paper mills: the Strathmore Paper Company, Westfield River Paper Company, Inc. and Texon, Inc.

Less than one quarter of the town is urbanized, with the remainder farm, forest, recreation land, or watershed. The town has municipally-operated electric, water and sewer services. It is also one of the two communities in Massachusetts with a municipally-owned and operated cable television service. There are three recreational fields for children in Russell, a town pool, a lake, a public golf course, Strathmore Park and the Moses Scout Reservation. The Massachusetts State Police Barracks is also located in Russell.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 65 Main St.
Russell, MA 01071
Phone: (413) 862-3265
FAX: (413) 862-3103

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	11,483
Square Miles	17.94

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,200
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.60
Commercial/Industrial	\$25.55

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	1,366
1970	1,382
1980	1,570
1990	1,594

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.0%
Black	0.4%
Other	0.6%
Spanish Origin*	0.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.3	7.3
5 - 9	8.7	7.9
10 - 14	9.8	7.5
15 - 19	9.5	7.7
20 - 24	8.3	6.9
25 - 44	29.2	35.3
45 - 54	8.5	10.5
55 - 64	9.4	7.4
65 - 74	6.1	6.0
75 & Over	3.3	3.6

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	17.94
Total Road Miles (1987)	21.36

Land Use	Acres
Residential	476.3
Commercial	25.0
Industrial	52.5
Urban Open/Public	36.7
Outdoor Recreational	51.0
Tilled Land	72.0
Undeveloped Land	10,445.9
Water	230.6

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Russell Watershed, Amos Moses Scout Reservation, Russell Town Beach, Russell Town Pool Recreation Area, Strathmore Park, Nobleview Appalachian Mountain Club.

GOLF COURSES: Whipperton Golf Course.

OTHER: NONE

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN RUSSELL 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	58	1.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c%
Manufacturing	466	79.9%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	36	6.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	19	3.3%
Total Employment	583	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$34,943

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

15.41%	work in Russell
84.59%	commute out of Russell

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	18.8%
4 years High School	46.8%
Less than 4 years College	20.0%
4 or more years College	14.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of Regional School System

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): 4,816

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 95,000
1992	\$ 98,400
1993	\$100,000
1994	\$ 87,500
1995	\$113,500

RESIDENT IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	804	3.9%
1985	740	3.2%
1986	737	3.1%
1987	771	2.3%
1988	776	2.6%
1989	802	2.4%
1990	804	4.2%
1991	803	8.7%
1992	845	8.2%
1993	895	6.8%
1994	899	7.6%
1995	901	7.4%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	7.2%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	22.8%
\$50,000 - 74,999	22.8%
\$75,000 or more	7.7%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$36,927

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUTH HADLEY

South Hadley is a richly diverse community which includes farms, residences, light industrial activity and a renowned college. Over one-third of South Hadley's residents are employed within Town, demonstrating its commercial and industrial strength. South Hadley's population increased 2% to 16,685 in 1990.

Settled in the late 1600's, South Hadley was primarily agricultural until the first navigable canal in the nation was built there in 1794. Commercial traffic flourished as mills, cabinet makers, blacksmith shops and inns prospered. In 1937, Mount Holyoke College was founded as the nation's first women's college.

Even today, this prominent institution influences one of the town's 2 distinctive neighborhoods known

as the Center. A shopping area, complete with boutiques, restaurants, bookstores and a theatre, all constructed to replicate colonial style architecture, is a popular attraction. South Hadley Falls, the other neighborhood of the Town, named after the adjacent waterfalls on the Connecticut River, remains the commercial and industrial hub. Revitalization efforts in this area, as well as the canal village area, are underway.

Residential development consists of single-family homes, with a variety of multi-family and condominium developments as well. The C. Nash Dinosaurland, the only commercial dinosaur track quarry in the world, and the Skinner State Park, with its famed Summit House atop, draw an ever-increasing number of tourists.

Type of government:

Representative Town Meeting,
3 Selectmen.

Transit System

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 116 Main St.
South Hadley, MA 01075
Phone: (413) 538-5017
FAX: (413) 538-7565

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	11,711
Square Miles	18.3
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	11,089
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.80
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.80

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	14,956
1970	17,033
1980	16,399
1990	16,685

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	96.0%
Black	1.1%
Other	2.9%
Spanish Origin*	1.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.2	5.4
5 - 9	4.9	5.1
10 - 14	6.8	5.0
15 - 19	14.4	9.7
20 - 24	12.9	11.6
25 - 44	22.2	28.6
45 - 54	10.9	9.4
55 - 64	11.8	9.7
65 - 74	7.4	9.4
75 & Over	4.5	6.1

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	18.30
Total Road Miles (1987)	77.13

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,706.0
Commercial	87.8
Industrial	136.6
Urban Open/Public	405.7
Outdoor Recreational	198.2
Tilled Land	1,186.2
Undeveloped Land	6,490.8
Water	424.8

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: South Hadley Town Farm, Buttery Brook Recreation Area, Buttery Brook Memorial Playground, Stoney Brook Site, Jones Newton Property, Beach Grounds, Titus Pond Area, Town Forest, Lythia Springs Reservoir.

GOLF COURSES: NONE

BIKEWAY: Norwottuck Bike Trail

OTHER: Red Cliffe Canoe Club, Camp Lewis, Perkin's Swim Club, Brunells Marina.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN SOUTH HADLEY 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	697	16.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	18	0.4%
Mining	0	c %
Construction	253	5.8%
Manufacturing	982	22.6%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	65	1.5%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	846	19.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	80	1.8%
Services	1,404	32.3%
Total Employment	4,345	100.0%

Average Annual Wage

\$28,299

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

34.49%	work in South Hadley
65.51%	commute out of South Hadley

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	16.6%
4 years High School	30.1%
Less than 4 years College	27.7%
4 or more years College	25.6%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Member of 4 Vocational High Schools

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,733

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$115,000
1992	\$116,000
1993	\$109,900
1994	\$111,900
1995	\$116,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	9,473	4.0%
1985	8,714	3.5%
1986	8,676	3.3%
1987	8,676	2.3%
1988	8,656	2.4%
1989	8,921	3.1%
1990	8,896	4.4%
1991	8,729	7.2%
1992	8,911	7.3%
1993	9,238	5.8%
1994	9,167	5.5%
1995	9,193	4.9%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	9.2%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.1%
\$15,000 - 24,999	14.2%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.1%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.4%
\$75,000 or more	13.4%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$38,694

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.4%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton has become an attractive community for residential development, not only because of its rural character, but also because of its central location to the cities of Northampton, Westfield, Holyoke and Springfield. Most of its 4,478 residents, an 8% increase in population since 1980, commute to nearby cities and towns for work.

Established in 1775 as a farming community, some farms, predominantly dairy, still exist today. The economic base is comprised of home-based cottage industries as well as some small business development, antique shops and restaurants. Housing choices range from single-family homes on large lots, to apartment complexes and summer cottages, which have been converted to year-round use on Pequot Pond. The Town's moderately sloping hills, soil conditions and reliance on private septic

systems and wells have limited development potential. Southampton is currently undertaking a project with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The Rural Land Management Program is designed to meet development pressures while preserving Southampton's valuable natural resources.

Southampton's Clark-Chapin House proudly displays Southampton's rich history. Old Home Days, which began in 1897, are a yearly gathering of the Sons and Daughters of Southampton. This annual event features a parade, a Homecoming Dinner, concerts and exhibits at Conant Park. Roses are presented to the oldest man and woman present and to the person returning to Southampton from the farthest distance. The Parson's Memorial Forest and Manhan Meadow Sanctuary are located in Southampton.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 8 East St.
Southampton, MA 01073
Phone: (413) 527-4741
FAX: (413) 527-8776

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	18,534
Square Miles	28.96
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	3,943
1996 Property Tax Rate	
Residential	\$13.08
Commercial/Industrial	\$13.08

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	2,192
1970	3,069
1980	4,137
1990	4,478

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.6%
Black	0.4%
Other	1.0%
Spanish Origin*	1.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

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5 - 9	8.9	8.0
10 - 14	10.6	7.5
15 - 19	8.5	7.4
20 - 24	6.5	6.2
25 - 44	32.3	35.7
45 - 54	10.2	11.9
55 - 64	8.8	7.2
65 - 74	4.5	6.4
75 & Over	2.4	3.3

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	28.96
Total Road Miles (1987)	58.31

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,367.8
Commercial	48.4
Industrial	60.4
Urban Open/Public	57.6
Outdoor Recreational	145.6
Tilled Land	1,967.4
Undeveloped Land	14,408.0
Water	478.8

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Manhan Meadow

Sanctuary, Coutures Garden,
Conant Park.

GOLF COURSES: Southampton
Country Club.

OTHER: Holyoke Beagle Club,
Easthampton Fish and Game,
Camp John, Cedarhurst Pool.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN SOUTHAMPTON 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	153	17.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	23	2.6%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	152	17.4%
Manufacturing	48	5.5%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	392	44.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12	1.4%
Services	85	9.7%
Total Employment	874	100.0%

Average Annual Wage

\$18,123

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

13.79%	work in Southampton
86.21%	commute out of Southampton

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	16.7%
4 years High School	34.5%
Less than 4 years College	24.8%
4 or more years College	24.0%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary
K-6; Member of Hampshire
Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991): \$4,115

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$126,000
1992	\$125,000
1993	\$125,000
1994	\$120,000
1995	\$117,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	2,373	4.1%
1985	2,183	3.6%
1986	2,173	3.4%
1987	2,362	2.4%
1988	2,351	2.3%
1989	2,471	3.0%
1990	2,469	4.5%
1991	2,444	8.1%
1992	2,491	7.7%
1993	2,664	6.8%
1994	2,639	6.3%
1995	2,748	5.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	6.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	12.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	24.3%
\$50,000 - 74,999	26.3%
\$75,000 or more	14.2%

1990 Median Household In-
come:
\$45,132

1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level: 3.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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SOUTHWICK

Southwick is a rapidly growing residential and agricultural community which is bordered to the south by the Connecticut Towns of Granby and Suffield. Southwick has a total population of 7,667 according to the U.S. 1990 Census data. This constitutes a 3.9% increase over the Town's 1980 population and a 21.1% increase over its 1970 population.

The most outstanding physical feature of Southwick is its Congamond Lakes, which is made up of three bodies of water linked by streams that together encompass 436 acres of surface water. Congamond Lakes offer year-round recreational attractions

including swimming, fishing, boating and ice skating.

Southwick was traditionally a potato and tobacco farming community and active farms can still be found in town today. While the large majority of residents commute out of town for work, retail, small manufacturers and an increasing number of service jobs form the majority of the employment base in Town. More than three-fourths of the homes are occupied by homeowners. Many young families live in Southwick. The Town has the lowest median age (27.9) years among Hampden County communities and 43% of its population is under 16 years of age.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 11 Depot St.
Southwick, MA 01077
Phone: (413) 569-5995
FAX: (413) 569-5001

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,267
Square Miles	31.67
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	6,588
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.66
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.66

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	5,139
1970	6,330
1980	7,382
1990	7,667

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.7%
Black	0.5%
Other	0.8%
Spanish Origin*	1.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.9	7.0
5 - 9	8.5	8.0
10 - 14	9.6	7.7
15 - 19	9.5	7.3
20 - 24	8.6	6.3
25 - 44	30.8	35.8
45 - 54	9.9	10.3
55 - 64	8.5	8.0
65 - 74	4.6	6.0
75 & Over	2.1	3.6

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	31.67
Total Road Miles (1987)	60.42

Land Use	Acres
Residential	2,042.5
Commercial	134.6
Industrial	218.2
Urban Open/Public	145.5
Outdoor Recreational	340.9
Tilled Land	3,768.3
Undeveloped Land	13,113.4
Water	492.7

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Brzoska Picnic Area,
Golden Acres, Kings Beach,
Well Field, Smith's Beach,
Southwick Town Beach.

GOLF COURSES: Edgewood
Country Club, Golf Acres,
Southwick Golf Club.

OTHER: Agawam Bowman's
Club, Congamond Boat Club,
Saddle Stream Hunt Club,
Sodom Mountain Ski Area,
Southwick Ski Resort.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN SOUTHWICK IN 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	376	18.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	117	5.7%
Mining	c	c %
Construction	53	2.6%
Manufacturing	318	15.5%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	25	1.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	783	38.1%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	114	5.6%
Services	260	12.7%
Total Employment	2,055	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$20,492

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**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

24.05%	work in Southwick
75.95%	commute out of Southwick

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	20.0%
4 years High School	37.0%
Less than 4 years College	27.2%
4 or more years College	15.8%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Southwick/
Tolland Regional School System

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$5,038

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$127,650
1992	\$105,000
1993	\$108,500
1994	\$123,000
1995	\$118,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	4,125	4.8%
1985	3,790	4.1%
1986	3,773	3.9%
1987	4,070	2.4%
1988	4,096	2.6%
1989	4,290	2.9%
1990	4,295	4.6%
1991	4,263	8.4%
1992	4,244	9.5%
1993	4,553	8.6%
1994	4,510	8.1%
1995	4,530	6.5%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	8.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.4%
\$15,000 - 24,999	13.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	26.5%
\$75,000 or more	9.5%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$40,6561

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 4.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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SPRINGFIELD

The City of Springfield is the cultural and commercial center of the Pioneer Valley Region. It is the third largest community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Together with the City of Holyoke, Chicopee and their surrounding communities, they comprise the fourth largest metropolitan area in New England. Springfield's population increased 3% in 1990 to 156,983, reversing a 30 year trend of losing residents. Springfield is home to half of the region's twenty largest employers, including Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Monsanto Chemical Company and Smith & Wesson Company. Springfield's exemplary partnerships with the business community is demonstrated by its revitalized Central Business District.

Settled in 1636, Springfield has several historic and distinct neighborhoods, which earned it the nickname of the "City of Homes". Springfield is also known as the "City of Firsts". The first gasoline powered automobile was built in Springfield by J. Frank and Charles E. Duryea in 1891. The Indian Motorcycle, the first gas-powered cycle, was built in Springfield in 1901 by George Hendee and is the home of the Indian Motorcycle Museum. The city is also the place where basketball was invented by James Naismith and hosts the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Major cultural institutions include the Springfield Symphony, Stage West, Springfield Civic Center, and the Springfield Library and Museums Association. The region's interstate bus and Amtrak train stations are located in Springfield. The City is the hub of intercity bus service provided by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. Springfield is home to four colleges. They are: Springfield Technical Community College, American International College, Springfield College, and Western New England College, including the School of Law.

Springfield hosts Mercy Hospital, Springfield Municipal Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, and Baystate Medical Center, a Tufts Medical School teaching hospital.

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Type of government Mayor, City Council.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Bonanza Bus Lines, Peter Pan Bus Lines. GreyhoLines and Vermont Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Mass. Career Development Inst., NCBA Mass. Services, Charter Ambulance Service, Community Care Mental Health Center, Gandara Mental Health Center, Jewish Community Center, Springfield Action Commission, United Cerebral Palsy, Inc.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Hall, Court Square
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: (413) 787-6100
FAX: (413) 787-6104

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	21,147
Square Miles	33.04

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	81.429
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1996 Property Tax Rate	
Residential	\$20.33
Commercial/Industrial	\$38.11

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	174,463
1970	163,905
1980	152,319
1990	156,983

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	68.6%
Black	19.2%
Other	12.2%
Spanish Origin*	16.9%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.9	8.5
5 - 9	7.2	7.6
10 - 14	8.0	6.7
15 - 19	9.7	7.7
20 - 24	10.1	9.0
25 - 44	24.0	31.0
45 - 54	9.3	7.9
55 - 64	11.0	7.8
65 - 74	7.8	7.8
75 & Over	5.9	5.9

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	33.04
Total Road Miles (1987)	388.85

Land Use	Acres
Residential	9,895.8
Commercial	1,357.8
Industrial	1,254.2
Urban Open/Public	1,811.4
Outdoor Recreational	729.7
Tilled Land	115.3
Undeveloped Land	4,435.8
Water	744.4

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Forest Park, Van Horn Park, White Cedar Bog, Loon Pond, Five Mile Pond, East Campus, Blunt Park, and numerous neighborhood parks and playgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: Veterans Golf Course, Franconia Golf Course

OTHER: Springfield Boys Club, YMCA, YWCA, Smead Skating Rink, Massasoit Day Camp, Camp Wilder, Lake Lorraine Beach, Orchard Beach.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN 1995*

	Number	Percent of City Total
Government	11,413	15.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	215	0.3%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	1,272	1.7%
Manufacturing	8,883	11.9%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	3,984	5.3%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	14,541	19.4%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7,818	10.4%
Services	26,802	35.8%
Total Employment	74,928	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$28,705

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

59.87%	work in Springfield
40.13%	commute out of Springfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	30.4%
4 years High School	32.7%
Less than 4 years College	21.8%
4 or more years College	15.1%

*Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Including Vocational High School
Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,029

Colleges: American International College, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England College, Western New England College Law School

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 94,000
1992	\$ 89,000
1993	\$ 83,500
1994	\$ 78,000
1995	\$ 75,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	74,278	6.5%
1985	68,080	5.6%
1986	67,702	5.3%
1987	67,028	4.2%
1988	67,266	4.2%
1989	68,426	5.3%
1990	68,674	7.2%
1991	68,436	11.2%
1992	67,192	10.9%
1993	67,619	9.7%
1994	66,667	8.8%
1995	63,809	7.7%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	22.2%
\$10,000 - 14,999	9.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	16.8%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	18.8%
\$50,000 - 74,999	12.4%
\$75,000 or more	4.8%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$25,656

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 20.1%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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TOLLAND

Tolland is the least-populated town in Hampden County, and has known a history of "boom and bust". At the turn of the century, over-development of land left it completely deforested. A bustling dairy-farming community of 800 in the early 1800s, Tolland's other chief industry was lumbering. Today there is limited farming in this small, residential community, with a growing recreation and resort development. In the late 1800's, a group of land speculators purchased large tracts of land on the rumor that the Boston and Albany Railroad would be built through the center of town. When the railroad was built thirty miles to the north, the investors turned the land into a private hunting and fishing club, called the Tunxis

Club. The club still owns and rents 6,000 acres in town.

Today many of the dairy farms are gone and the barren fields have returned to forest. The landscape is mountainous with some fertile valleys. Nearly 2/3 of Tolland's acreage is under controlled forest development. Its population is up 23% to 289 in 1990, after a century of decline when it's population was just over 100 people in the 1960s. Route 57 constitutes Tolland's only main road. Tolland is served by the Post Office in nearby Granville and children attend school in nearby Southwick.

Camping areas include the Tolland and Granville State Forests and one of the largest Girl Scout camps in the nation.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen

Transit System

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, RT. 57
HC 68-BOX 138 B
Tolland, MA 01034
Phone: (413) 258-4794
FAX: (413) 258-4048

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,977
Square Miles	32.78
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	304
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$4.16
Commercial/Industrial	\$4.16

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	101
1970	172
1980	235
1990	289

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.0%
Black	0.7%
Other	0.3%
Spanish Origin*	0.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.3	8.0
5 - 9	6.8	5.5
10 - 14	8.9	6.2
15 - 19	9.8	6.9
20 - 24	5.5	5.5
25 - 44	25.1	31.1
45 - 54	11.1	14.5
55 - 64	15.3	10.0
65 - 74	8.9	8.0
75 & Over	4.3	4.2

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	32.78
Total Road Miles (1987)	40.17

Land Use	Acres
Residential	385.9
Commercial	12.2
Industrial	44.3
Urban Open/Public	57.6
Outdoor Recreational	42.5
Tilled Land	143.7
Undeveloped Land	19,478.5
Water	812.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Tolland State Forest,
Granville State Forest,
Hartford Water Works.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
OTHER: Camp Spruce Hill,
Twin Brook Camping.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN TOLLAND 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	c	c %
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	c	c %
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	c	c %
Services	c	c %
Total Employment	42	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$10,940

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

29.03%	work in Tolland
70.97%	commute out of Tolland

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	14.0%
4 years High School	34.4%
Less than 4 years College	33.3%
4 or more years College	18.3%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Regional School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$5,029

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$175,000
1992	\$ 87,000
1993	\$100,000
1994	\$106,000
1995	\$178,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	155	16.1%
1985	133	7.5%
1986	137	6.6%
1987	134	1.5%
1988	139	2.9%
1989	154	1.3%
1990	153	4.6%
1991	136	5.9%
1992	131	9.2%
1993	157	8.9%
1994	164	9.1%
1995	161	11.2%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	11.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	3.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	11.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	14.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	21.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	17.0%
\$75,000 or more	20.7%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$40,000

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 4.7%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WALES

Open space, a slow-paced way of life and a virtual lack of crime makes Wales an attractive spot for its population, which has increased 33% to 1,566 in 1990. Primarily residential with some farming, the town has evolved into a summer recreation center; construction of summer cottages on Lake George has been occurring since the 1950's. It's southern boundary is bordered by the State of Connecticut.

From its establishment in 1775, the Town was primarily agricultural. By the 19th Century, small industries prospered and new residents were attracted to Wales. However, by 1900 all seven of its woolen mills had closed. The Town was developed slowly and many of its population remained only during the summer months. One of its

most famous residents was Jackson Reed, flag bearer for the 54th Massachusetts Colored Regiment, whose Civil War heroism was depicted in the 1989 film "Glory".

The economic base of Wales consists of small dairy operations, apple orchards, machine shops, restaurants and a family run grain business. Though one-third of the land in Wales is undevelopable due to wetlands and steep slopes, the 1980's saw a building boom within the Town. Three-quarters of its residents commute to other communities for work.

The Brimfield State Forest borders the town on the north, and 400 acres of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary created by the founders of Norcross Greeting Cards, lies on its southwest.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, PO BOX 834
Wales, MA 01081
Phone: (413) 245-7571
FAX: (413) 245-6197

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	10,225
Square Miles	15.98

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,299
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.16
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.16

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	659
1970	852
1980	1,177
1990	1,566

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	97.8%
Black	1.4%
Other	0.8%
Spanish Origin*	0.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.1	7.9
5 - 9	8.8	9.4
10 - 14	11.2	9.5
15 - 19	9.9	6.8
20 - 24	6.6	4.8
25 - 44	32.6	38.6
45 - 54	7.1	11.0
55 - 64	8.3	4.7
65 - 74	6.0	4.8
75 & Over	2.3	2.6

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	15.98
Total Road Miles (1987)	23.25

Land Use	Acres
Residential	475.8
Commercial	5.6
Industrial	5.5
Urban Open/Public	18.2
Outdoor Recreational	12.1
Tilled Land	160.3
Undeveloped Land	9,396.5
Water	147.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

GOLF COURSES: NONE

CLUBS: VFW Club, Wales Fish and Game Club.

SPECIAL: Oak Haven Camping.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN WALES 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	50	59.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c %
Manufacturing	c	c %
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	17	20.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	0	0.0%
Total Employment	84	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$15,459

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

16.44%	work in Wales
83.56%	commute out of Wales

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	19.8%
4 years High School	40.4%
Less than 4 years College	23.4%
4 or more years College	16.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary,
Member of Regional High School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$3,908

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 95,000
1992	\$ 79,000
1993	\$ 89,900
1994	\$ 92,500
1995	\$ 87,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	544	10.1%
1985	506	7.3%
1986	525	8.6%
1987	602	2.7%
1988	559	5.0%
1989	637	5.0%
1990	662	9.4%
1991	665	13.1%
1992	668	11.1%
1993	838	10.5%
1994	852	7.2%
1995	959	5.0%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	9.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	4.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	16.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	21.9%
\$35,000 - 49,999	23.5%
\$50,000 - 74,999	16.6%
\$75,000 or more	7.5%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$34,207

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 9.8%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WARE

Ware's name is derived from the Indian word "Nenaseck," the original name of the Ware River, which means fishing weir (basket). In 1742, the Ware River Precinct was established, which formed the basis for the establishment of the Town of Ware. Saw and grist mills were established at the falls on the Ware River in the early 1700's and grew slowly in number and variety. The mills steadily drew people from surrounding towns and Ware soon became one of the first "mill" towns, which had the majority of its economic base in manufacturing rather than agriculture.

Today Ware's population continues to grow, up 10% in 1990 to 9,808. The Central Business District is a commercial and financial center for Ware's neighboring communities in Hampshire

and Worcester Counties. The Mary Lane Hospital provides medical services in the area.

Although the textile mills are gone, the mill buildings and accompanying neighborhoods give downtown Ware its architectural character. A number of the buildings have been converted to small manufacturing and retail spaces. In fact, Ware has a thriving complex of factory outlets frequented by shoppers throughout the region. Manufacturing remains a strong industry capturing almost 1/4 of the Town's total employment.

Ware borders the Quabbin Reservoir, one of the largest man-made reservoirs in the nation and is home to Beaver Lake which has a growing residential community.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 5 Selectmen.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 126 Main St.
Ware, MA 01082
Phone: (413) 967-9648
FAX: (413) 967-9649

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	25,459
Square Miles	39.78
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	6,576
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$14.64
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.64

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	7,517
1970	8,187
1980	8,953
1990	9,808

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.5%
Black	0.3%
Other	1.2%
Spanish Origin*	1.5%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race

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Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.7	7.6
5 - 9	7.2	7.5
10 - 14	8.7	6.0
15 - 19	7.9	6.5
20 - 24	7.6	6.8
25 - 44	25.6	31.5
45 - 54	9.8	9.7
55 - 64	13.4	8.3
65 - 74	9.5	9.6
75 & Over	4.7	6.5

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	39.78
Total Road Miles (1987)	85.55

Land Use	Acres
Residential	1,807.4
Commercial	96.3
Industrial	181.8
Urban Open/Public	241.6
Outdoor Recreational	156.0
Tilled Land	1,112.4
Undeveloped Land	18,114.3
Water	3,711.1

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Grenville Park, Quabbin Watershed and Reservoir, Snows Pond, Barrow Street/ Pumping Station Grounds, William Dearden Memorial Field, Town Forest.
GOLF COURSES: NONE
CLUBS: NONE
SPECIAL: Reed Swimming Pool, Beaver Lake.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
 CAC†

**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN WARE 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	299	12.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	11	0.4%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	83	3.3%
Manufacturing	683	27.4%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	40	1.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	629	25.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	147	5.9%
Services	599	24.0%
Total Employment	2,491	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$25,150

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

33.50%	work in Ware
66.50%	commute out of Ware

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	28.6%
4 years High School	41.7%
Less than 4 years College	19.6%
4 or more years College	10.1%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Member of Vocational Regional

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost
(1990-1991):** \$4,538

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$108,000
1992	\$100,000
1993	\$ 99,000
1994	\$ 94,000
1995	\$ 89,900

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	3,804	7.0%
1985	4,067	5.0%
1986	3,724	4.8%
1987	3,733	4.0%
1988	3,656	4.7%
1989	3,803	4.9%
1990	3,791	9.0%
1991	3,892	13.2%
1992	3,904	11.3%
1993	4,852	7.9%
1994	4,773	6.7%
1995	4,661	5.6%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	17.2%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.9%
\$15,000 - 24,999	19.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.1%
\$35,000 - 49,999	20.2%
\$50,000 - 74,999	13.2%
\$75,000 or more	6.3%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$29,424

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 11.6%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WEST SPRINGFIELD

With both suburban and rural qualities, West Springfield is Western Massachusetts' second most populous town, its population up 2% to 27,537 in 1990.

While its early settlement dates back to 1665, the town was formally established in 1774. West Springfield borders the Connecticut River on its eastern boundary. The area was once rich farmland replenished by the annual flooding of the river. Elements of the town's continuing old New England flavor include the Town Common, towering shade trees and its historic structures like the Josiah Day House, circa 1754, which is believed to be the oldest structure of its kind in Massachusetts.

The town's biggest tourist attraction is the Eastern States Exposition, which hosts the state fair for the entire New England region in September. It is one of the

nation's largest agricultural fairs. Storowton Village, a recreated village of colonial America, is a permanent attraction on the "Big E" fairgrounds. The first Morgan Horse was bred in West Springfield and the Eastern States Horse Show is among the oldest in the country.

West Springfield is also an emerging commercial center for the region. Riverdale Street (Route 5) best exemplifies the Town's success in supporting commercial development. Major retailers and warehouse outlets have located there along with the region's largest complex of movie theatres. In West Springfield's industrial areas, small and medium-sized manufacturers dominate. K & M Electronics is one of the region's largest electronic component manufacturers.

The Town offers diversity in housing choices. Approximately 55% of the residents own their home with 52% as single family residences.

Type of government: Representative Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 26 Central St.
West Springfield, MA 01089
Phone: (413) 263-3000
FAX: (413) 746-5592

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	11,233
Square Miles	17.55
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	22,050
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.42
Commercial/Industrial	\$29.47

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	24,924
1970	28,461
1980	27,042
1990	27,537

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	96.0%
Black	1.4%
Other	2.6%
Spanish Origin*	3.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	5.3	6.4
5 - 9	5.8	6.1
10 - 14	7.4	5.7
15 - 19	9.0	5.7
20 - 24	9.1	7.4
25 - 44	26.8	32.6
45 - 54	11.9	10.2
55 - 64	11.6	10.5
65 - 74	7.7	8.8
75 & Over	5.6	6.8

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (ACRES)

Total Square Miles	17.55
Total Road Miles (1987)	102.03

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,186.3
Commercial	572.9
Industrial	603.6
Urban Open/Public	397.1
Outdoor Recreational	287.3
Tilled Land	420.6
Undeveloped Open Space	4,853.0
Water	439.3

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Mittineague Park and numerous neighborhood playgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: Springfield Country Club, Al's Driving Range.

OTHER: Eastern States Exposition, Pioneer Valley Sport Club, Memorial Pool, Springfield Olympia Ice & Rollerskating Rinks.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN WEST SPRINGFIELD 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	984	6.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	32	0.2%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	507	3.4%
Manufacturing	2,143	14.3%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	1,017	6.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5,421	36.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	856	5.7%
Services	3,989	26.7%
Total Employment	14,949	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$24,181

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

30.85%	work in West Springfield
69.15%	commute out of West Springfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	21.4%
4 years High School	34.2%
Less than 4 years College	25.1%
4 or more years College	19.3%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12, Not Member of Vocational

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,485

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$120,000
1992	\$112,000
1993	\$106,000
1994	\$105,000
1995	\$100,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	15,638	3.5%
1985	14,396	3.0%
1986	14,338	2.8%
1987	14,525	3.0%
1988	14,571	2.9%
1989	14,702	3.5%
1990	14,763	5.4%
1991	14,498	8.2%
1992	14,259	8.3%
1993	14,576	7.3%
1994	14,731	8.6%
1995	14,257	7.6%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	12.1%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.0%
\$15,000 - 24,999	17.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	19.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	18.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	17.0%
\$75,000 or more	8.4%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$32,194

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 8.3%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WESTFIELD

Westfield combines suburban and rural living with the services and amenities of a city. A mixture of residential neighborhoods, industrial development and a commercial downtown, the City's population is up 5% to 38,372 in 1990. The past decade has seen a rapid growth in housing development where 58% of the residences are single family homes and nearly 2/3 of all housing units are occupied by homeowners.

Westfield was founded in 1669 as an agricultural community. It's Dewey House, circa 1735, the headquarters of the Western Hampden Historical Society, is a small museum of early American furnishings which illustrates everyday life in early Westfield. Whip-making dominated the city's industry throughout the 1800s, giving the community its nickname, "Whip City". In the 20th Century, Westfield experienced successful industrial growth. Corpo-

rations which have major plants or headquarters in Westfield include Stanhome, Inc., listed among the Fortune 500, Digital Equipment Corporation, Old Colony Envelope and the Strathmore Paper Company. The city and a private development corporation have recently secured financing to develop a new Summit Lock Industrial Park.

Westfield State College is located here, in addition to its satellite teaching school, the Juniper Park Elementary School. Stanley Park, with 180 acres, an arboretum, floral gardens and live outdoor concerts, is one of the region's outstanding parks. The Berkshires are located nearby with its array of natural resources, picturesque hills, abundant rivers and streams. Westfield hosts two health care facilities, Noble Hospital and the state-owned Western Massachusetts Hospital. Also located in Westfield is the municipally-owned Barnes Airport, which provides passenger and cargo service, as well as being home to the 104th Tactical Fighter Group of the Air National Guard.

Type of government: Mayor, 11 Member Council.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Hall, 59 Court St.
Westfield, MA 01085
Phone: (413) *No Main Number*
City Clerk (413) 572-6200
FAX: (413) 572-6274

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	30,368
Square Miles	47.55
1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	25,367
1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$15.64
Commercial/Industrial	\$26.24

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	26,302
1970	31,433
1980	36,465
1990	38,372

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	96.5%
Black	0.9%
Other	2.6%
Spanish Origin*	4.1%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.3	6.9
5 - 9	7.1	6.8
10 - 14	8.0	5.9
15 - 19	10.8	8.4
20 - 24	10.2	9.5
25 - 44	26.3	31.0
45 - 54	9.4	9.6
55 - 64	10.5	8.0
65 - 74	6.9	8.0
75 & Over	4.6	5.8

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	47.45
Total Road Miles (1987)	165.99

Land Use	Acres
Residential	5,471.8
Commercial	511.8
Industrial	987.4
Urban Open/Public	502.5
Outdoor Recreational	594.9
Tilled Land	3,444.3
Undeveloped Land	17,434.6
Water	464.2

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Cross Street Playground, Chapman Playground, Hampden Pond State Park, Stanley Park, and numerous neighborhood playgrounds.

GOLF COURSES: East Mountain Country Club, Shaker Farms Country Club, Tekoa Country Club.

OTHER: Municipal Tennis Courts, Westfield Veterans' Pool, Sunnyside Campground, Windy Acres Campground.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
CACI

**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN WESTFIELD 1995***

	Number	Percent of City Total
Government	2,394	17.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	209	1.5%
Mining	72	0.5%
Construction	482	3.4%
Manufacturing	3,493	24.9%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	559	3.9%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	3,476	24.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	378	2.7%
Services	2,952	21.1%
Total Employment	14015	100%

Average Annual Wage \$26,841

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**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1991)**

52.22%	work in Westfield
47.78%	commute out of Westfield

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	21.3%
4 years High School	35.4%
Less than 4 years College	24.0%
4 or more years College	19.3%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: K-12,
Including Vocational Regional
High School
Colleges: Westfield State College

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$3,772

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$118,000
1992	\$117,000
1993	\$115,000
1994	\$117,000
1995	\$115,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	19,205	5.2%
1985	17,636	4.5%
1986	17,549	4.3%
1987	18,199	2.6%
1988	18,330	2.9%
1989	18,798	3.0%
1990	18,833	4.7%
1991	18,849	9.3%
1992	18,919	8.2%
1993	19,361	7.0%
1994	18,934	5.2%
1995	18,698	4.3%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	13.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	20.2%
\$50,000 - 74,999	18.3%
\$75,000 or more	8.8%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$33,498

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 8.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WESTHAMPTON

Westhampton is characterized by rolling hills and a country atmosphere, yet this small, rural town is quickly becoming an attractive residential community. Over the last 30 years, the Town has more than doubled in population and a 17% growth in new residents since 1980 has brought Westhampton to 1,327 people.

Established in 1778 as a farming community, one of its most famous citizens was Revolutionary War patriot Ethan Allen, who once owned a mine in town. In addition, Reverend Enoch Hale, brother of Nathan Hale, was the first minister of Westhampton. Since the Prohibition era,

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Westhampton has been a "dry" town, the only such town in Hampshire County.

Only a small percentage of the land area has been developed for commercial use. There are three stores within the town, and wood products, lumber and farming are still important industries to the economic base. The Town relies on volunteers for town administrative boards and committees, as well as a volunteer fire department.

The Hampshire Regional Junior-Senior High School is located in Westhampton and serves the communities of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton and Williamsburg. A new elementary school is near completion.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:
Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 81 Main Rd.
Westhampton, MA 01027
Phone: (413) 527-0463
FAX: None

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	17,508
Square Miles	27.36

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	1,110
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1996 Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$16.30
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.30

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	583
1970	793
1980	1,137
1990	1,327

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.3%
Black	0.0%
Other	0.7%
Spanish Origin*	0.3%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	8.3	9.1
5 - 9	8.4	7.0
10 - 14	8.9	7.5
15 - 19	10.0	8.3
20 - 24	6.1	4.9
25 - 44	34.0	36.5
45 - 54	9.8	11.9
55 - 64	6.8	6.9
65 - 74	4.8	4.8
75 & Over	3.0	3.2

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	27.36
Total Road Miles (1987)	44.54

Land Use	Acres
Residential	578.0
Commercial	16.2
Industrial	163.3
Urban Open/Public	65.1
Outdoor Recreational	43.6
Tilled Land	627.2
Undeveloped Land	15,882.4
Water	128.7

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: NONE
GOLF COURSES: NONE
CLUBS: Russell Beagle Club.
SPECIAL: Windy Acres Camp-ground, Fuller's Horse Camp.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DIVISION IN WESTHAMPTON 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	156	81.7%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c %
Mining	c	c %
Construction	9	4.7%
Manufacturing	0	0.0%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	0	0.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0	0.0%
Services	11	5.8%
Total Employment	191	\$100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$24,019

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WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

9.97% work in Westhampton
90.03% commute out of Westhampton

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	11.9%
4 years High School	32.2%
Less than 4 years College	29.7%
4 or more years College	26.2%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary, Member Hampshire Regional High School District

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,449

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$125,000
1992	\$150,000
1993	\$140,000
1994	\$122,500
1995	\$ 86,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	705	3.8%
1985	650	1.7%
1986	676	1.5%
1987	742	1.1%
1988	762	1.6%
1989	770	1.6%
1990	753	3.2%
1991	680	6.5%
1992	749	5.5%
1993	892	4.4%
1994	922	3.8%
1995	911	3.7%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	2.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	10.7%
\$25,000 - 34,999	16.2%
\$35,000 - 49,999	25.4%
\$50,000 - 74,999	26.3%
\$75,000 or more	13.2%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$44,423

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 1.8p%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WILBRAHAM

Wilbraham, incorporated in 1763 as an agricultural center, is today primarily a residential community with some industry located in the northern section of town. Over 80% of the residents commute out of town for professional employment. The Town offers both historic and new home development and in 1990 saw its population continue to grow at 5% to 12,635.

The 1990 median price of a single family home is among the highest in the region, with classic homes set among large lots. Over 88% of housing units are occupied by homeowners. While Wilbraham has experienced substantial residential growth, its rural character is still present and exemplified by

the thriving Rice's Fruit Farm, Green Acres Fruit Farm and the Bennett Turkey Farm, among others. Peaches are a prime product, highlighted each year by Wilbraham's annual Peach Basket Festival.

The Town's industrial area is located at the edge of town along Route 20, which connects Wilbraham to Springfield. The headquarters and a major production facility for the Friendly Ice Cream Corporation together with the State Line Potato Chip Company are located there. Commercial activity in the center of town includes a country store, pharmacy and gas station. The Wilbraham-Monson Academy, a private co-educational secondary school was founded in 1825. Its campus graces the Town Center.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers Council on Aging

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 240 Springfield St.
Wilbraham, MA 01095
Phone: (413) 596-8111
FAX: (413) 596-9256

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	14,259
Square Miles	22.28

1996 Vehicle Registration 9,959
(autos and light trucks)

1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$16.11
Commercial/Industrial	\$16.11

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	7,387
1970	11,984
1980	12,053
1990	12,635

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	97.3%
Black	1.2%
Other	1.5%
Spanish Origin*	0.8%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.9	5.6
5 - 9	6.9	7.2
10 - 14	10.5	6.8
15 - 19	10.9	6.6
20 - 24	6.0	5.5
25 - 44	26.5	28.1
45 - 54	13.8	14.0
55 - 64	12.0	11.0
65 - 74	5.6	9.7
75 & Over	2.9	5.5

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	22.28
Total Road Miles (1987)	82.98

Land Use	Acres
Residential	3,435.1
Commercial	84.7
Industrial	259.5
Urban Open/Public	241.2
Outdoor Recreational	146.9
Tilled Land	657.0
Undeveloped Land	9,230.6
Water	168.1

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Bruer Pond, Mill Pond,
Twelve Mile Brook, Spectacle
Pond.

GOLF COURSES: Wilbraham
Country Club.

OTHER: YMCA Country Day
Camp, Wilbraham Children's
Museum.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN WILBRAHAM 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	605	17.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	48	1.4%
Mining	c	c%
Construction	68	1.9%
Manufacturing	1,111	31.3%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	78	2.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	675	19.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	114	3.2%
Services	846	23.9%
Total Employment	3,546	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$25,065

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

15.07%	work in Wilbraham
84.93%	commute out of Wilbraham

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	12.1%
4 years High School	28.4%
Less than 4 years College	25.1%
4 or more years College	34.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary,
Minnechaug Regional High
School (with Hampden)

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$4,890

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$153,000
1992	\$144,000
1993	\$140,000
1994	\$145,000
1995	\$148,000

**EMPLOYEES IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	6,636	4.0%
1985	6,104	3.4%
1986	6,078	3.2%
1987	6,336	2.3%
1988	6,337	1.9%
1989	6,545	2.5%
1990	6,526	3.8%
1991	6,361	6.0%
1992	6,326	5.6%
1993	6,518	5.7%
1994	6,440	4.9%
1995	6,416	4.2%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	6.5%
\$10,000 - 14,999	5.8%
\$15,000 - 24,999	9.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	8.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.1%
\$50,000 - 74,999	23.3%
\$75,000 or more	27.1%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$50,275

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 3.5%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Prepared by the PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

WILLIAMSBURG

Located on the fringe of the Five College area, Williamsburg is comprised of the two villages of Williamsburg and Haydenville. With a population of 2,515, it is a community rich in New England tradition.

Established in 1775, the local economy was dominated by the success of the Hayden and Gere Brass Works, the nation's leading producers of plumbing fixtures. Flour, saw and silk mills also flourished, in addition to Mrs. Elnathan Graves' famous cloth covered button factory. However, in 1874 the most disastrous flood in New England occurred along the Mill River, destroying the Town's industrial section and killing 145 people.

Today, colonial homes still grace this community and two 1930's

mansions, built by the Hayden family are considered among the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the United States. Most residential development consists of single-family homes, although some rental housing is available. Commercial activity includes manufacturing, a lumber mill and a mini-shopping mall located on Route 9. In addition, each village maintains its own Post Office, fire department and library.

One of the most popular attractions for visitors to Williamsburg is the General Store featuring home-made ice-cream, baked goods and crafts. The Haydenville Mills, the manufacturing site of the first machine-made cloth covered buttons has been renovated into the Brassworks, a multi-use complex of retail, office and eating establishments. The Grange Hall features town fairs, while "Devil's Den" is the location of the community Boy Scout Camp.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, 141 Main St.
Williamsburg, MA 01096
Phone: (413) 268-8400
FAX: None

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	16,428
Square Miles	25.67

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	2,054
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$14.50
Commercial/Industrial	\$14.50

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	2,186
1970	2,342
1980	2,237
1990	2,515

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	98.6%
Black	0.4%
Other	1.0%
Spanish Origin*	1.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.3	6.8
5 - 9	6.6	7.0
10 - 14	6.1	5.9
15 - 19	9.5	6.5
20 - 24	8.0	4.7
25 - 44	30.8	38.9
45 - 54	10.0	10.0
55 - 64	10.4	7.5
65 - 74	8.4	6.6
75 & Over	5.1	5.2

LAND USE

by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	25.67
Total Road Miles (1987)	41.87

Land Use	Acres
Residential	860.1
Commercial	42.1
Industrial	59.6
Urban Open/Public	30.5
Outdoor Recreational	64.7
Tilled Land	938.8
Undeveloped Land	14,367.4
Water	64.9

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Devil's Hole, Conway State Forest, Damon Charvette Recreation Area, Town Athletic Field, Petticoat Hill.
GOLF COURSES: Beaver Brook Country Club.
OTHER: Williamsburg Rod and Gun Club.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
 Census Bureau
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
 County Home Data
 Massachusetts Department of Education
 Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts, Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN WILLIAMSBURG 1995*

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	75	15.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	15	3.1%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	93	19.4%
Manufacturing	49	10.2%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c %
Wholesale and Retail Trade	168	0.4%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	15	3.1%
Services	64	13.3%
Total Employment	480	100.0%

Average Annual Wage

\$16,433

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

23% work in Williamsburg
 77% commute out of Williamsburg

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	12.6%
4 years High School	24.1%
Less than 4 years College	25.9%
4 or more years College	37.4%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Elementary

Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-1991): \$4,736

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$111,500
1992	\$105,000
1993	\$134,000
1994	\$124,900
1995	\$120,500

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	1,457	9.1%
1985	1,303	4.1%
1986	1,350	3.6%
1987	1,402	3.0%
1988	1,435	3.2%
1989	1,525	3.6%
1990	1,500	5.9%
1991	1,361	9.5%
1992	1,520	9.3%
1993	1,498	6.3%
1994	1,514	7.7%
1995	1,502	6.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	5.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	3.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.6%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.5%
\$35,000 - 49,999	25.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	21.6%
\$75,000 or more	13.7%

1990 Median Household Income:
 \$40,170

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 2.9%

COMMUNITY PROFILE

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WORTHINGTON

A small hilltown, Worthington has earned a reputation for having a center of innovation. Settled in 1764, the Town's landscape is primarily rugged and forested at the eastern edge of the Berkshire Mountains. Almost 90% of the land is undeveloped. Two state forests are located in Town.

Worthington's history is rich in agriculture, a successful industry in Town which still thrives today. In fact, one potato farm supplies 90% of the potatoes used by the State Line Potato Chip Company in Wilbraham. In recent years, Worthington earned the reputation of having a center of innovation

and entrepreneurship. New ventures in bio-technology, hand tools and baby furniture have been developed by town residents.

The population continues to grow, an increase of 24% in 1990 to 1,156. New residents are attracted to the rural landscape and the cosmopolitan character of Worthington. The majority of residents are professionally employed and commute out of town for work. Of the 510 homes in Worthington, 92% are owner-occupied.

Type of government: Open Town Meeting, 3 Selectmen.

Transit System:

Public Carriers None

Private Carriers None

Para-Transit Carriers None

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall, Huntington Rd.
Worthington, MA 01098
Phone: (413) 238-5577
FAX: (413) 238-5579

LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	20,543
Square Miles	32.1

1996 Vehicle Registration (autos and light trucks)	953
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1996 Property Tax Rates

Residential	\$13.72
Commercial/Industrial	\$13.72

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	597
1970	712
1980	932
1990	1,156

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	99.3%
Black	0.3%
Other	0.4%
Spanish Origin*	2.2%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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**Percent of Population by Age
Group 1980 & 1990**

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	7.0	7.1
5 - 9	6.9	10.1
10 - 14	9.6	8.6
15 - 19	7.8	4.3
20 - 24	7.8	3.9
25 - 44	32.4	37.8
45 - 54	8.5	11.0
55 - 64	10.5	6.7
65 - 74	6.3	6.7
75 & Over	4.1	3.9

LAND USE
by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles	32.10
Total Road Miles (1987)	58.12

Land Use	Acres
Residential	659.3
Commercial	35.9
Industrial	11.2
Urban Open/Public	21.0
Outdoor Recreational	57.0
Tilled Land	1,455.5
Undeveloped Land	18,277.9
Water	25.3

RECREATION AREAS

PARKS: Worthington State
Forest, Peru State Forest,
Canada Hill Wildlife
Management.

GOLF COURSES: Worthington
Gold Club

CLUBS: Worthington Rod and
Gun.

OTHER: Berkshire Park
Campground, Senas
Snowmobile Area.

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment &
Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts,
Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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**EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION
IN WORTHINGTON 1995***

	Number	Percent of Town Total
Government	25	15.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	c	c%
Mining	0	0.0%
Construction	c	c%
Manufacturing	c	c%
Trans., Comm., Utilities	c	c%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	20	12.7%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	c	c%
Services	54	34.2%
Total Employment	158	100.0%

Average Annual Wage \$17,157

* "c" = data confidential, withheld to prevent disclosure of individual employer data.

**WHERE RESIDENTS
WORK (1990)**

28.65%	work in Worthington
71.35%	commute out of Worthington

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years	11.8%
4 years High School	30.8%
Less than 4 years College	23.1%
4 or more years College	34.3%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

School Structure: Member of
Regional School District

**Integrated Per Pupil Cost (1990-
1991):** \$4,816

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$ 90,000
1992	\$100,000
1993	\$115,000
1994	\$108,000
1995	\$140,000

**RESIDENTS IN THE
LABOR FORCE**

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	543	7.9%
1985	488	3.5%
1986	506	3.0%
1987	586	2.9%
1988	597	2.7%
1989	661	3.5%
1990	640	4.2%
1991	576	7.1%
1992	577	8.1%
1993	708	6.4%
1994	728	5.2%
1995	688	5.2%

**1990 HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**

0 - \$9,999	5.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	6.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	14.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	17.8%
\$35,000 - 49,999	22.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	22.4%
\$75,000 or more	10.6%

**1990 Median Household In-
come:**
\$37,950

**1990 Persons Below Poverty
Level:** 5.9%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

The most populous of the four western counties of Massachusetts, Hampden County borders the State of Connecticut on the south and is bisected by the Connecticut River.

With a population increase of 3% to 456,310 in 1990, the county enjoys a strong industrial and commercial employment base. Springfield, settled in 1636, is the third largest community in Massachusetts and the 4th largest metropolitan area in New England. In its early settlement much of the county was part of the "Springfield Plantation" and Springfield remains the county seat even today. By the late 19th Century, manufacturers of products such as side-arms and light artillery, bicycles and early automobiles, toys and games, cotton and wool textiles, and paper products rose to prominence.

Volleyball and basketball, both sports enjoyed around the world, were created in Hampden County. Today, the Volleyball Hall of Fame

and the Basketball Hall of Fame are Museums showcasing these sports and are frequented by visitors year round. The Eastern States Exposition, called "New England's Great State Fair" is held here annually, hosting participants and visitors from around the Northeast United States.

Hampden County has two air fields to facilitate commercial and corporate air travel, while Westover has been a key player in our Nation's defense. Chicopee's Westover Air Force Base is home to the 439th Military Aircraft Wing of the Air Force Reserve, as well as a burgeoning Industrial Air Park. Barnes Airport in Westfield hosts the 104th Tactical Fighting Unit of the Air National Guard. The region is served by Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT, a 30 minute drive from Springfield.

The County called "The Crossroads of New England" also features rail service in all directions, as well as several exchanges on the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 91.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Provided through Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Provided through Bonanza Bus Lines, Greyhound Bus Lines, Peter Pan Bus Lines and Vermont Bus Lines

Para Transit Carriers Provided through Community Council on Aging and Private Agencies

COUNTY OFFICES

50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: (413) 781-8100
FAX: (413) 739-4588

LAND AREA

Acres	406,366
Square miles	634.94

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	429,353
1970	459,050
1980	443,018
1990	456,310

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	85.0%
Black	7.5%
Other	7.5%
Spanish Origin*	10.0%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	6.3	7.4
5 - 9	6.9	7.2
10 - 14	8.2	6.5
15 - 19	9.7	7.1
20 - 24	8.9	7.8
25 - 44	25.3	31.0
45 - 54	10.4	9.6
55 - 64	11.3	8.8
65 - 74	7.6	8.5
75 & Over	5.5	6.3

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles 634.94
Total Road Miles (1987) 2,044.44

Land Use	Acres
Residential	56,699.1
Commercial	4,566.4
Industrial	6,468.0
Urban Open/Public	7,621.6
Outdoor Recreational	5,747.6
Tilled Land	20,855.4
Undeveloped Land	287,403.6
Water	10,431.5

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS: Barnes Municipal, Westfield; Lafleur, Northampton; Palmer Airport, Palmer; Westover Metropolitan and Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee.

RAIL SERVICE: Amtrak Station: Springfield, Short Line Freight: Massachusetts Central Railroad Corp., Palmer; New England Intermodal Terminal, Palmer; Pioneer, Valley Railroad, Westfield.

PRIMARY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS: Massachusetts Turnpike/I-90 (east-west); and Interstate 91 (north-south)

Data Sources:

United States Department of Commerce:
Census Bureau
Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Massachusetts Department of Employment & Training
County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts, Amherst with EOE MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN HAMPDEN COUNTY 1995*

	Number	Percent of County Total
Government	28,169	15.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	1196	1%
Mining	72	0.0%
Construction	5,233	3%
Manufacturing	33,910	18%
Trans, Comm., Utilities	8,329	4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	43,327	23%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	11,507	6%
Services	53,999	29%
Total Employment *	186,211	100%

Average Annual Wage \$ 22,782

* Total is not a sum of parts due to supression of individual employer data in some communities.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

84.0% work in county
16.0% work outside county

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years 26.4%
4 years High School 33.3%
Less than 4 years College 22.7%
4 or more years College 17.6%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

Colleges: American International College, Bay Path College, Elms College, Holyoke Community College, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England College, Westfield State College

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$110,000
1992	\$107,000
1993	\$105,000
1994	\$100,000
1995	\$ 98,000

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	229,322	5.3%
1985	210,569	4.5%
1986	209,693	4.3%
1987	213,157	3.4%
1988	213,835	3.4%
1989	217,909	4.2%
1990	218,524	5.8%
1991	218,480	9.9%
1993	231,091	7.6%
1994	228,452	6.8%
1995	210,715	6.5%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	16.9%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.5%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.3%
\$35,000 - 49,999	19.7%
\$50,000 - 74,999	16.1%
\$75,000 or more	8.3%

1990 Median Household Income:

\$31,100

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level:

13.0%



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Bisected by the Connecticut River, Hampshire County is situated in the middle of Western Massachusetts. With a population of 146,568, it maintains a balance of rural living with urban amenities.

The City of Northampton and Town of Amherst form an educational, commercial, and cultural center and are connected by Route 9, an emerging commercial corridor. The county enjoys both the educational influence of the "Five-College Area" network of Smith College, Mt. Holyoke College, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Hampshire College, as well as the area's agricultural foundations, largely along the river towns of Hadley and Hatfield.

The county is rapidly becoming a popular residential and recreational area, rich in history and natural amenities. The oldest municipally owned theatre in the United States is the Northampton Academy of Music. Hampshire County has been the home of such famous

historical figures as President Calvin Coolidge and 19th Century poet Emily Dickinson. The area contains several state parks as well as the Quabbin Reservoir, the Commonwealth's vast man-made reservoir serving metropolitan Boston.

Interstate Route 91 is the county's primary highway and an extensive network of public bus service links the college communities. Passenger rail service via Amtrak is available in Northampton. Bradley International Airport is within a 45 minute drive from Hampden County. There are two hospitals and one veteran's hospital in the county.

Hampshire County contains several state parks and forests. Look Park in Northampton is a regional attraction. The county's western towns are at the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains. Some of the world's oldest fossils are found in Hampshire County and large collections are on display in three private museums.

COUNTY OFFICES

99 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060
Phone: (413) 584-0557
FAX: (413) 584-4136

LAND AREA

Acres	348,012
Square Miles	543.79

POPULATION TRENDS

1960	103,229
1970	123,981
1980	138,813
1990	146,568

1990 Race and Spanish Origin

White	93.8%
Black	1.7%
Other	4.5%
Spanish Origin*	2.7%

*Note: Persons of Spanish origin regardless of race.

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Profiles of 43 communities, Hampden and Hampshire Counties, and Pioneer Valley Region are also available. Photocopying by expressed permission of Regional Data Center only.

Price: \$5.00 or inquire about quantity discounts. The Regional Data Center of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission offers demographic and economic information and analytical services.

Transit System:

Public Carriers Provided through Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Private Carriers Provided through Bonanza Bus Lines, Greyhound Bus Lines, Peter Pan Bus Lines and Vermont Bus Lines

Para-Transit Carriers Provided through Community Council on Aging and Private Agencies

Percent of Population by Age Group 1980 & 1990

Age Group	1980	1990
0 - 4	4.8	5.4
5 - 9	5.6	5.7
10 - 14	6.6	5.1
15 - 19	12.9	11.0
20 - 24	16.5	14.5
25 - 44	26.5	31.2
45 - 54	8.3	8.6
55 - 64	9.0	7.0
65 - 74	6.0	6.8
75 & Over	4.0	4.8

LAND USE by Category 1985 (in acres)

Total Square Miles 543.79
Total Road Miles (1987) 1,203.45

Land Use	Acres
Residential	26,959.7
Commercial	1,456.3
Industrial	1,999.7
Urban Open/Public	3,579.3
Outdoor Recreational	2,298.8
Tilled Land	34,671.6
Undeveloped Land	265,079.6
Water	11,101.6

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS: Barnes Municipal, Westfield; Lafleur, Northampton; Palmer Airport, Palmer; Westover Metropolitan and Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee.

RAIL SERVICE: Amtrak Stations: Springfield, Northampton and Amherst; Short Line Freight: Massachusetts Central Railroad Corp., Palmer; New England Intermodal Terminal, Palmer; Pioneer Valley Railroad, Westfield

PRIMARY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS: Massachusetts Turnpike/I 90 (east-west); and Interstate 91 (north-south).

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County Home Data
Massachusetts Department of Education
Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts, Amherst with EOEA MassGIS Project
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EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY 1995*

	Number	Percent of County Total
Government	12,074	24%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	501	1%
Mining	0	0%
Construction	1,638	3%
Manufacturing	5,576	11%
Trans, Comm., Utilities	1,074	2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	12,792	25%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,454	3%
Services	12,202	24%
Total Employment*	50,744	100%

Average Annual Wage \$20,746

* Total is not a sum of parts due to suppression of individual employer data in some communities.

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK (1990)

66.58% work in county
33.42% work outside county

EDUCATION

1990 Educational Attainment of Persons
25 Years and Older *

Less than 12 years 17.0%
4 years High School 27.2%
Less than 4 years College 23.9%
4 or more years College 31.9%

* Expressed as the highest level attained.

Colleges: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, University of Massachusetts

HOUSING PRICES

Year	Median Selling Price
1991	\$120,000
1992	\$115,000
1993	\$117,900
1994	\$116,500
1995	\$117,500

RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Percent Unemployed
1984	78,472	4.6%
1985	74,556	3.6%
1986	73,626	3.3%
1987	75,610	2.5%
1988	76,560	2.7%
1989	77,849	3.3%
1990	78,683	4.9%
1991	77,426	7.5%
1992	78,100	8.0%
1993	65,861	7.1%
1994	65,583	6.6%
1995	78,254	4.1%

1990 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

0 - \$9,999	12.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	7.4%
\$15,000 - 24,999	15.8%
\$25,000 - 34,999	15.4%
\$35,000 - 49,999	20.1%
\$50,000 - 74,999	18.1%
\$75,000 or more	10.5%

1990 Median Household Income:
\$34,154

1990 Persons Below Poverty Level: 10.7%



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